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The purple ribbon that appears on the cover has been used as a symbol of unity and solidarity among domestic violence advocacy groups in their effort to end domestic violence. The color purple was chosen for the ribbon to represent the healing bruises resulting from domestic abuse. The ribbon was displayed on the cover of this publication to lend support to this cause and in the hope that it may in some way, aid in the healing process.

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INTRODUCTION

Hitting Close to Home is designed to provide basic statistical information about domestic violence in South Carolina. The scope of this report is limited to information that was available from crime incident reports. As a result, it does not provide data from other important sources related to domestic violence such as court outcomes, criminal history, community supervision or corrections. It does contain important information concerning the nature of the offense and provide descriptive information concerning the victims and offenders involved in domestic violence. It is intended to provide this information in a manner that is readily and easily understandable. In doing so, it is hoped that this report will be useful not only to policy makers and practitioners but also to the citizens of this state.

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COUNTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

These notes are intended to provide a brief overview of how data on domestic violence are collected and how they were brought together to form this report. They are not intended to provide a comprehensive description of crime reporting methods, but rather seek to give the reader a working knowledge of the uses and limitations of crime data and how that data can be used to better understand the extent and nature domestic violence.

All the information presented in this report starts with the statewide uniform incident report. This report is filled out whenever a criminal incident is reported to the police. The responding officer fills out the report that contains detailed information about the incident, the victim and the offender. This information is entered into the South Carolina Incident Based Reporting System (SCIBRS) database, which is maintained by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). SCIBRS is the source of crime data for this report. This report is based on crime reports from the calendar years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Because SLED provides a two-year window for law enforcement agencies to edit/correct their reports, the data for 2000 were not in their final format for this report. All rates are expressed in terms of rate per 10,000 units of the population of interest. Population data were provided by the South Carolina Budget & Control Board, Office of Research and Statistics (B&CB ORS).

Domestic violence can be defined in a variety of ways. For the purpose of this report, broad definitions of both violence and domestic relationships were used. It is important to note that these definitions are subjective and are used only for the purpose of this report. Other definitions of domestic violence may be equally appropriate under other circumstances.

Definitions:

Domestic relationships were defined to include marital relationships (spouses and common law spouses), family relationships (parents, siblings, children, grandparents, grandchildren, in-laws, stepparents, stepchildren, stepsiblings and other family members), romantic relationships (boyfriends, girlfriends and homosexual relationships) and ex-spouses.

Violence was defined to include the following: murder, negligent homicide, justifiable homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, simple assault, intimidation, and kidnapping. Justifiable homicide was included because it provides an additional indicator of violence, although it is not a criminal offense.

Some aspects of SCIBRS result in information that is counter-intuitive and requires further explanation. The information in this report is based on counts of victims or offenders. However in reviewing this report it is important to understand the following:

- Domestic violence victims are sometimes victims of more than one offense;
- Domestic violence sometimes involves more than one victim or more than one offender.

One result of this is that the number of offenses exceeds the number of victims. Also, data from such victims would be presented more than once in the course of this report. For example the victim data from a domestic murder and rape would be included in the section on murder as well as in the section on forcible sex offenses. Another result is that the number of victim to offender relationships can exceed the number of victims. This happens when there are multiple offenders with different domestic relationships to the victim, such as a spouse and a family member. This also results in data from the victim being presented in both the marital violence and family violence sections. This method of presenting the information was chosen to maximize the usefulness and understanding of the report.

Finally, while a certain level of detached objectivity is required when conducting statistical analysis on any topic, it is important to be ever mindful that the tables, charts and narrative in this report represent pain and suffering inflicted by those from whom love and comfort was expected. These are facts that can never be accurately expressed by words or numbers.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

There were 132.9 victims of domestic violence per 10,000 people in South Carolina from 1996 through 2000.

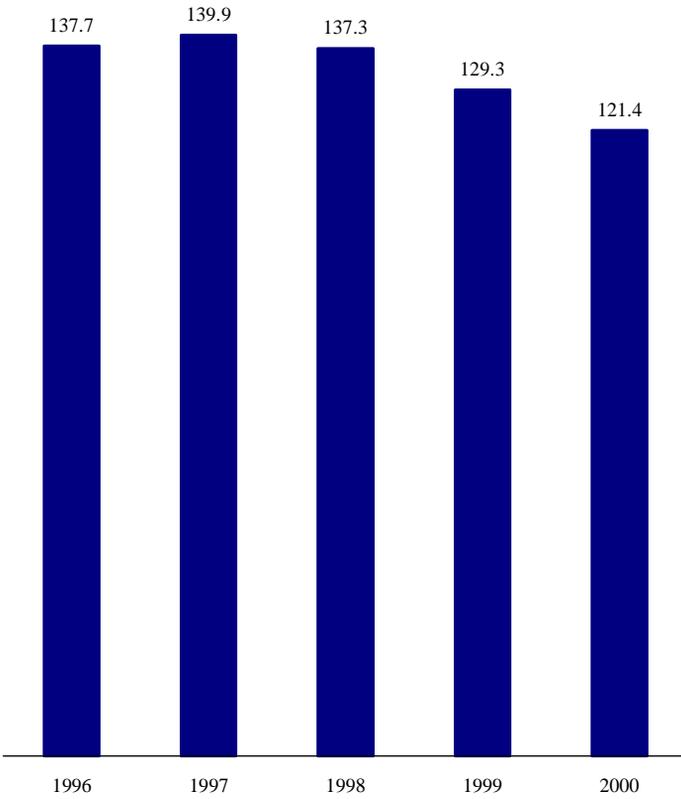
Domestic Violence: Includes murder, negligent homicide, justifiable homicide, kidnapping, rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation, where the victim to offender relationship is based on marriage, family ties, a romantic relationship or a former marriage.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Year

Year	Number	Rate
1996	51,492	137.7
1997	53,000	139.9
1998	52,687	137.3
1999	50,233	129.3
2000	48,720	121.4
Total	256,132	132.9

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Year



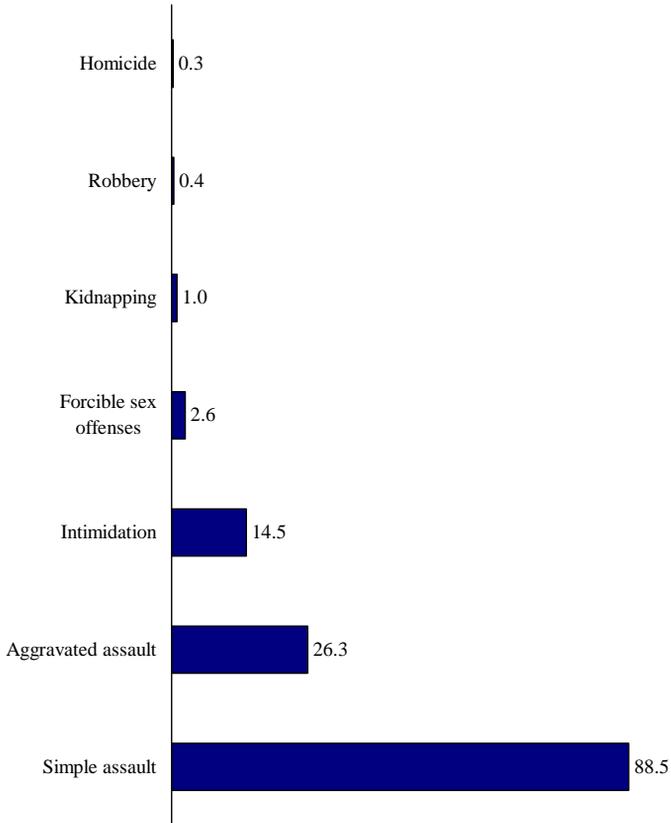
Simple assault was the most frequently reported violent domestic offense. There were 540 domestic homicides.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Offense

Offense	Number	Rate
Murder	518	0.3
Negligent homicide	12	<0.1
Justifiable homicide	10	<0.1
Kidnapping	1,948	1.0
Rape	2,295	1.2
Forcible sodomy	766	0.4
Sex assault with object	346	0.2
Forcible fondling	1,645	0.9
Robbery	781	0.4
Aggravated assault	50,714	26.3
Simple assault	170,462	88.5
Intimidation	27,845	14.5
Total	257,342	133.6

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Offense Rates



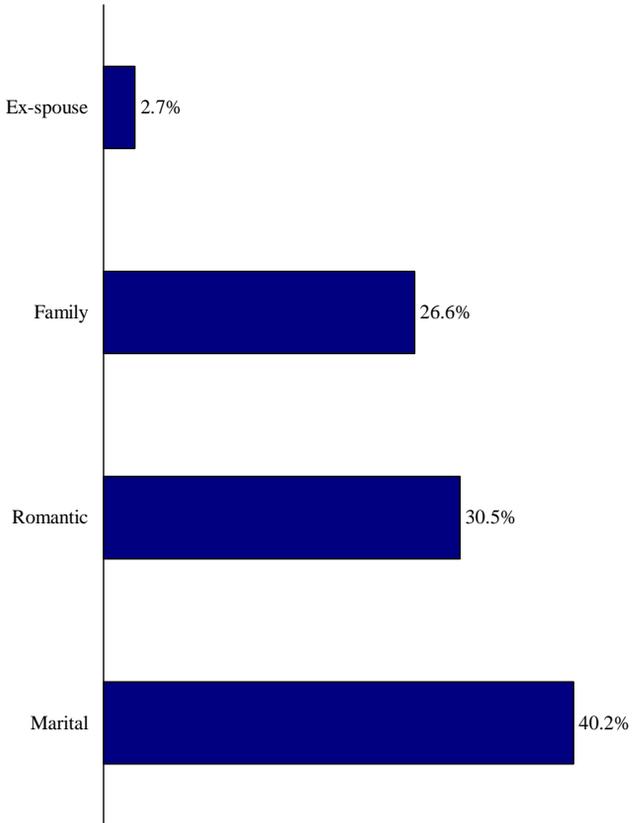
The most frequent type of victim to offender relationship in domestic violence was a marital relationship.

Domestic Violence Victim to Offender Relationship

Victim was:	Number	Percent
Ex-spouse	6,838	2.7%
Family	68,444	26.6%
Marital	103,207	40.2%
Romantic	78,437	30.5%
Total	256,926	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Relationship



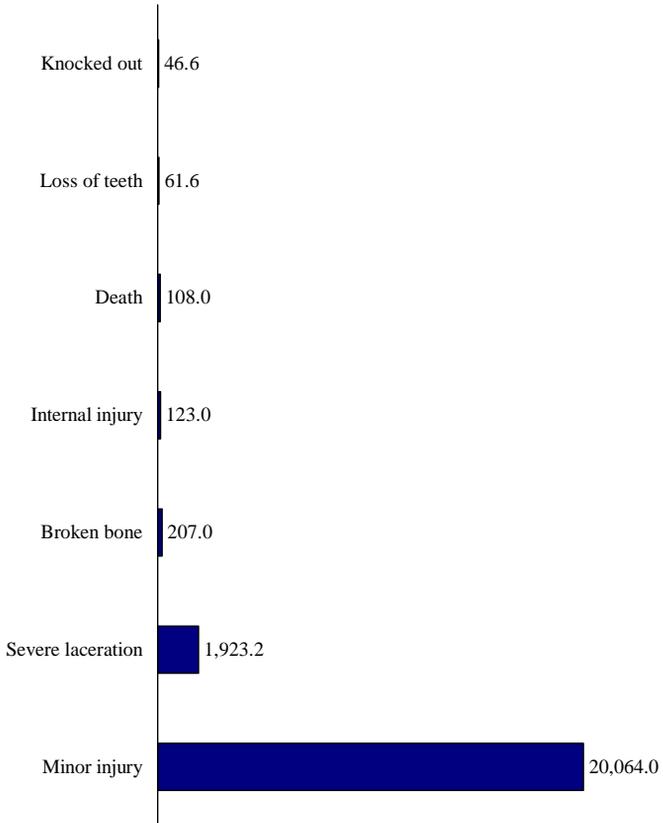
There were 112,667 injuries resulting from domestic violence in South Carolina from 1996 through 2000. This is an annual average of 22,553 injuries.

Injuries Reported from Domestic Violence

Injury	Number	Percent	Annual Average
Knocked unconscious	233	0.2%	46.6
Loss of teeth	308	0.3%	61.6
Death	540	0.5%	108.0
Internal injury	615	0.5%	123.0
Broken bone	1,035	0.9%	207.0
Severe laceration	9,616	8.5%	1,923.2
Minor injury	100,320	89.0%	20,064.0
Total	112,667	100.0%	22,533.4

Note: 143,465 cases reported no injury.
 Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Annual Domestic Violence Injuries



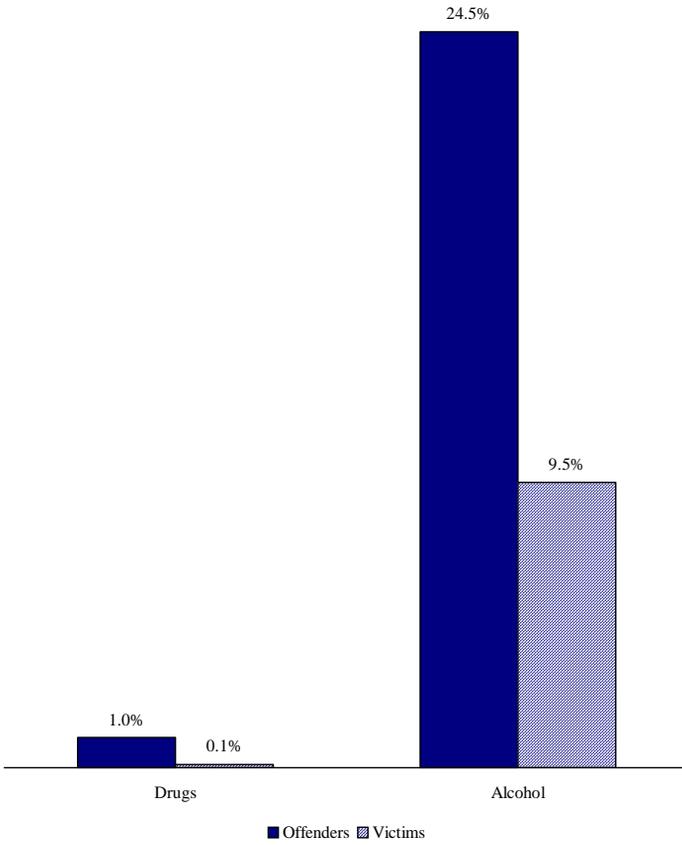
Drug or alcohol use by the offender was reported in 25.5% of the cases. Drug or alcohol use by the victim was reported in 9.6% of the cases.

Substance Use in Domestic Violence

Substance	Offender	Victim
Drugs	1.0%	0.1%
Alcohol	24.5%	9.5%
None reported	74.5%	90.4%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Substance Use in Domestic Violence



Personal weapons such as hands, feet or fists accounted for 78.9% of the weapons used in domestic violence.

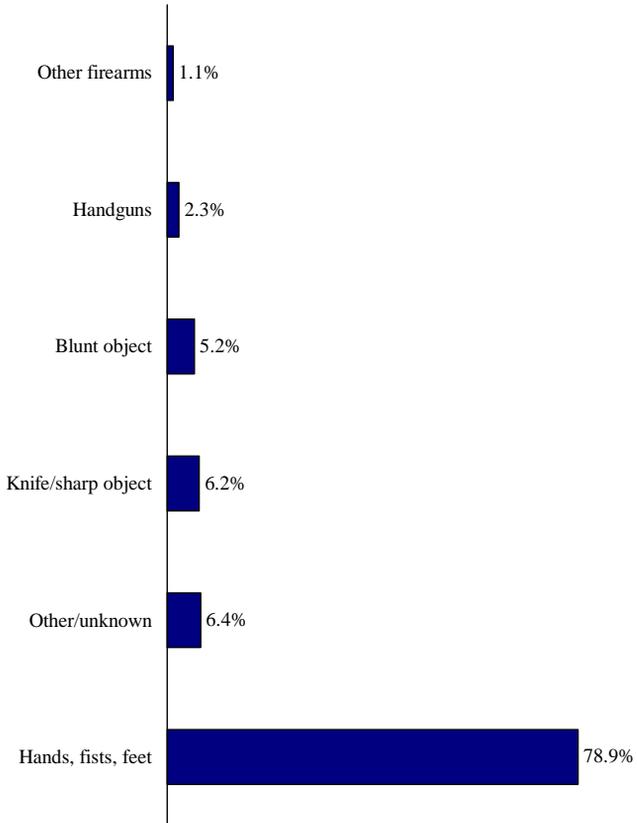
Weapon Use in Domestic Violence

Weapon	Number	Percent
Blunt objects	12,068	5.2%
Handguns	5,277	2.3%
Knife/sharp objects	14,328	6.2%
Other firearms	2,648	1.1%
Other/unknown	14,910	6.4%
Hands, fists, feet, etc.	183,692	78.9%
Total	232,923	100.0%

Notes: SCIBRS allows for up to three weapons to be reported per incident. Weapons are not involved in all violent offenses.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Weapons



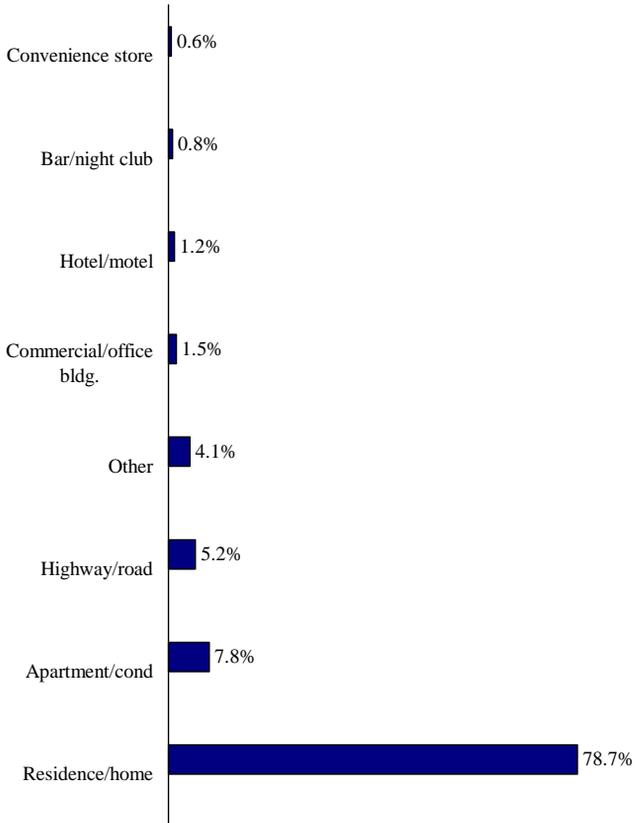
The most common location for domestic violence was a residence or home, accounting for 78.7% of victims.

Domestic Violence by Location

Location	Number	Percent
Apartment/condo	20,066	7.8%
Bar/night club	2,017	0.8%
Commercial/office bldg.	3,869	1.5%
Convenience store	1,513	0.6%
Highway/road	13,428	5.2%
Hotel/motel	3,035	1.2%
Other	10,622	4.1%
Residence/home	201,582	78.7%
Total	256,132	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Location



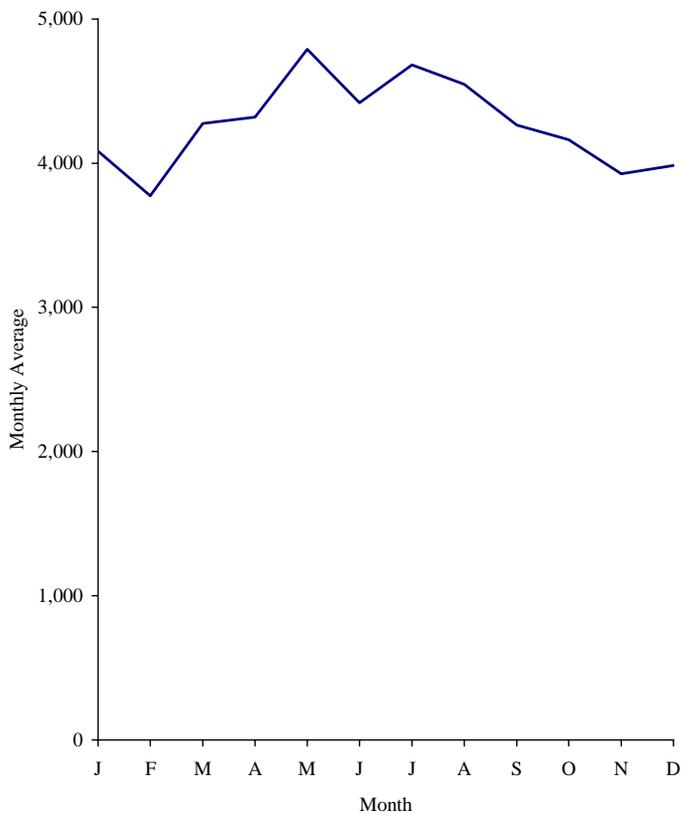
More domestic violence was reported in May than any other month. The least amount of domestic violence was reported in February.

Domestic Violence by Month

Month	Number	Percent	Monthly Average
January	20,413	8.0%	4,082.6
February	18,870	7.4%	3,774.0
March	21,368	8.3%	4,273.6
April	21,605	8.4%	4,321.0
May	23,951	9.4%	4,790.2
June	22,085	8.6%	4,417.0
July	23,412	9.1%	4,682.4
August	22,733	8.9%	4,546.6
September	21,322	8.3%	4,264.4
October	20,813	8.1%	4,162.6
November	19,632	7.7%	3,926.4
December	19,924	7.8%	3,984.8
Total	256,128	100.0%	4,268.8

Note: 4 cases missing month data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Month



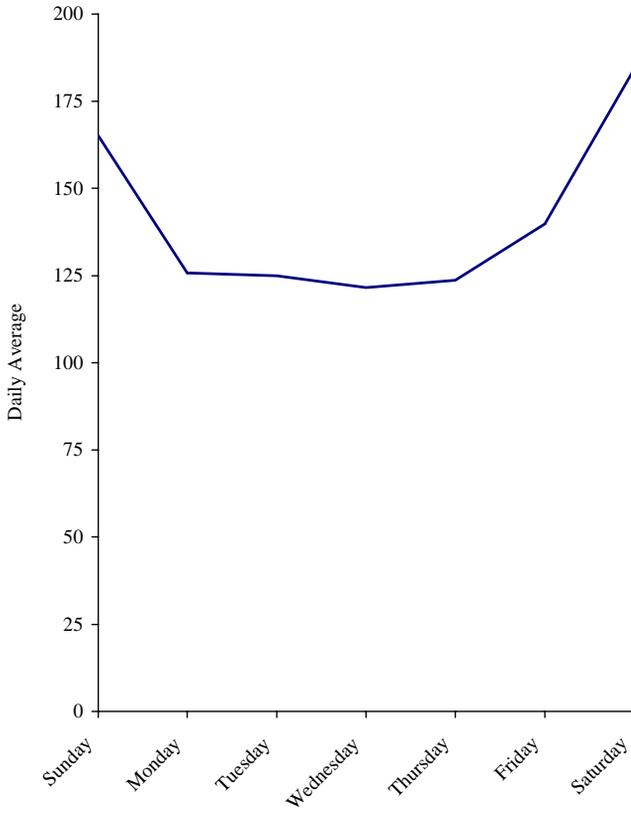
More domestic violence was reported on Saturday than any other day of the week. On the average there were 184.2 domestic violence victims reported each Saturday.

Domestic Violence by Day of Week

Day	Number	Percent	Daily Average
Sunday	42,947	16.8%	165.2
Monday	32,689	12.8%	125.7
Tuesday	32,496	12.7%	125.0
Wednesday	31,619	12.3%	121.6
Thursday	32,143	12.5%	123.6
Friday	36,346	14.2%	139.8
Saturday	47,892	18.7%	184.2
Total	256,132	100.0%	140.3

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Day of Week



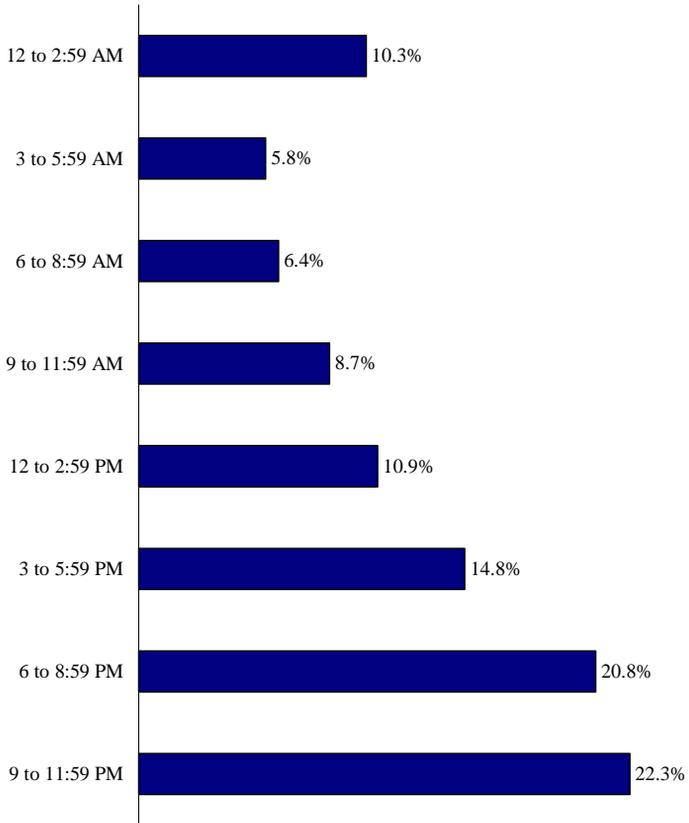
More domestic violence was reported from 9:00 PM to 11:59 PM than any other time period. The least amount was reported from 3:00 AM to 5:59 AM.

Domestic Violence by Time of Day

Time period	Number	Percent
Midnight to 2:59 AM	25,063	10.3%
3:00 to 5:59 AM	13,985	5.8%
6:00 to 8:59 AM	15,395	6.4%
9:00 to 11:59 AM	21,022	8.7%
Noon to 2:59 PM	26,306	10.9%
3:00 to 5:59 PM	35,924	14.8%
6:00 to 8:59 PM	50,385	20.8%
9:00 to 11:59 PM	54,125	22.3%
Total	242,205	100.0%

Note: 13,927 cases missing time data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Time of Day



The mean age for domestic violence victims was 31.0 and the median age was 30. The highest domestic violence victimization rate was reported in the 22 to 24 age group.

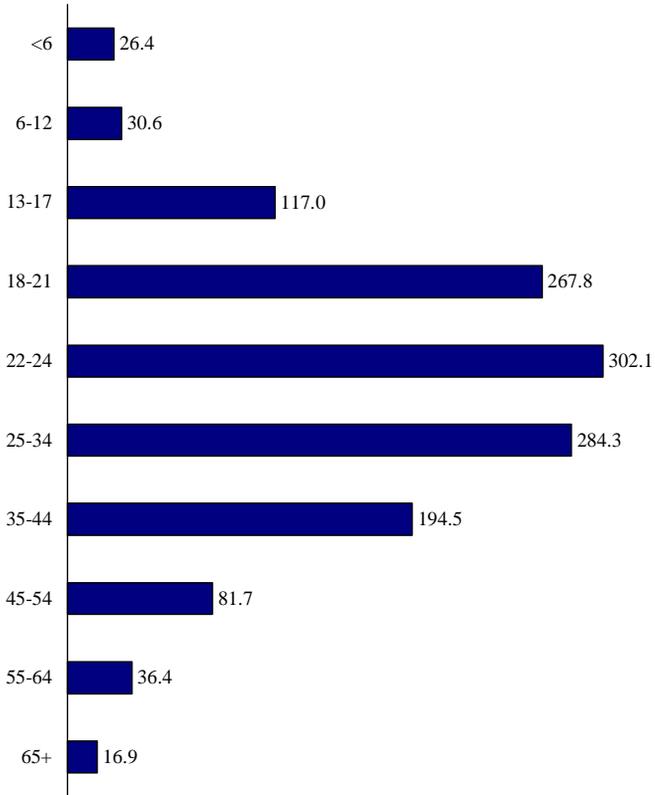
Domestic Violence Victims by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
5 and younger	4,096	1.6	26.4
6 through 12	5,848	2.3	30.6
13 through 17	16,117	6.4	117.0
18 through 21	30,203	12.0	267.8
22 through 24	24,455	9.7	302.1
25 through 34	80,493	31.9	284.3
35 through 44	59,965	23.8	194.5
45 through 54	20,771	8.2	81.7
55 through 64	6,174	2.4	36.4
65 and older	3,946	1.6	16.9

Note: 4,064 cases missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Victimization Rates by Age



Females accounted for 77.7% of domestic violence victims. The victimization rate for females was 3.2 times higher than the male victimization rate.

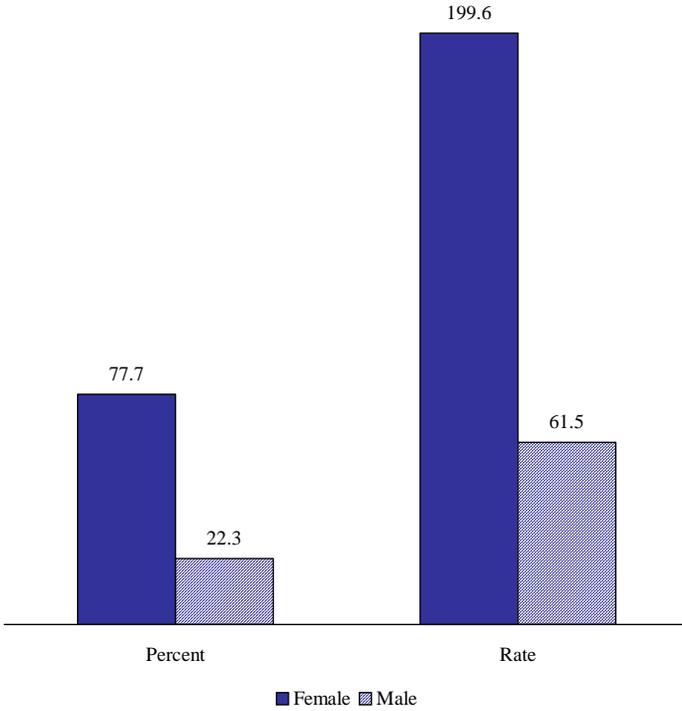
Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	198,868	77.7	199.6
Male	57,201	22.3	61.5

Note: 63 cases of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex



Victims of domestic violence were almost evenly divided by race, however the victimization rate among non-whites was 2.2 times higher than the victimization rate of whites.

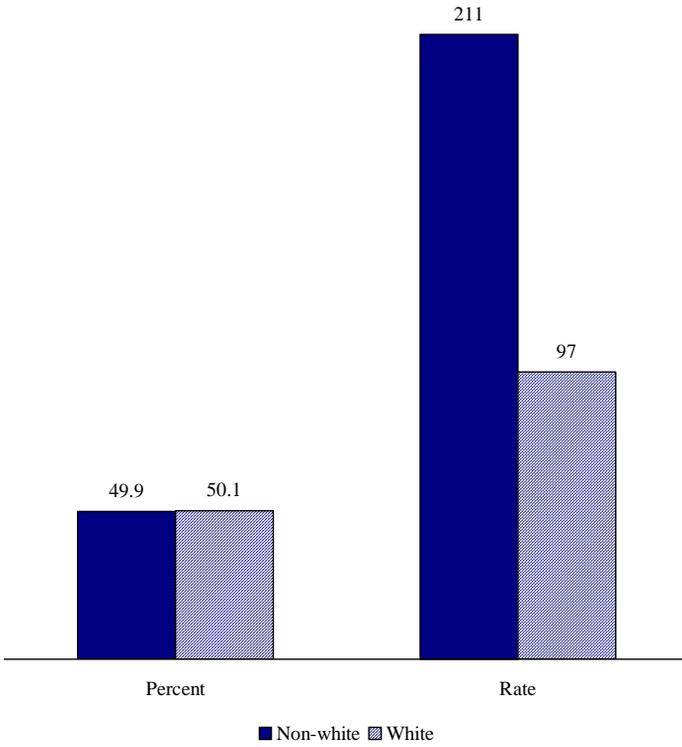
Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	127,704	49.9	211.0
White	128,214	50.1	97.0

Note: there were 214 cases of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Victims by Race



The highest domestic violence victimization rate was among non-white females, followed by white females, non-white males and white males.

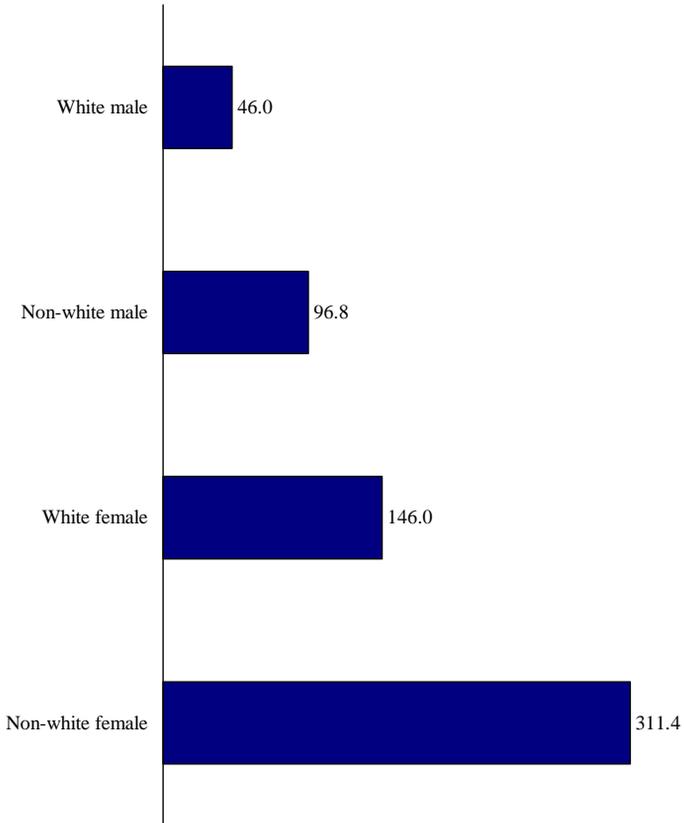
Domestic Violence Victims by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	100,278	39.2	311.4
Non-white male	27,418	10.7	96.8
White female	98,475	38.5	146.0
White male	29,733	11.6	46.0

Note: 228 cases missing race/sex data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Victimization Rates by Race/Sex



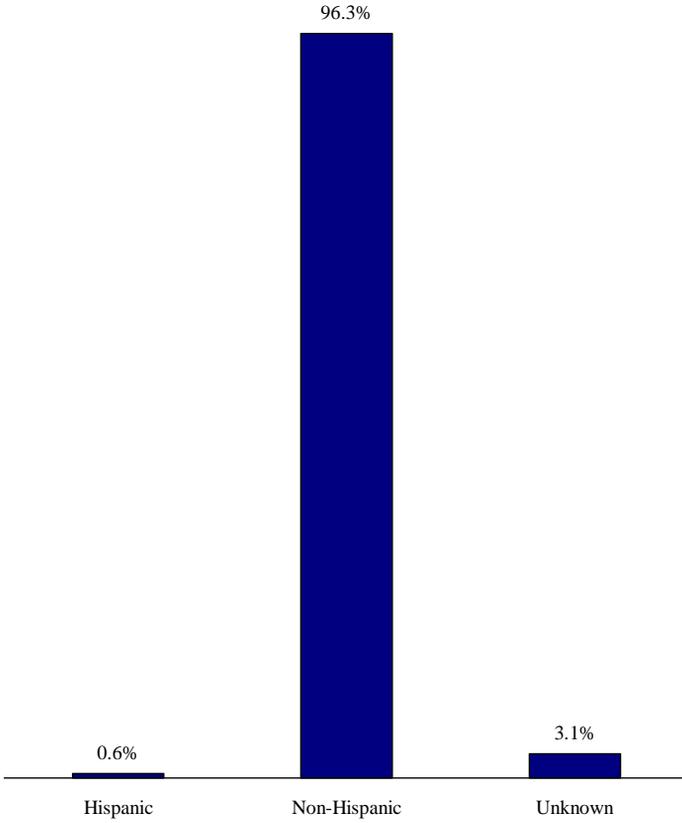
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of domestic violence victims. Non-Hispanics accounted for 96.3% of victims while 3.1% were of unknown ethnicity.

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	1,480	0.6%
Non-Hispanic	246,633	96.3%
Unknown	8,019	3.1%
Total	256,132	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Victims by Ethnicity



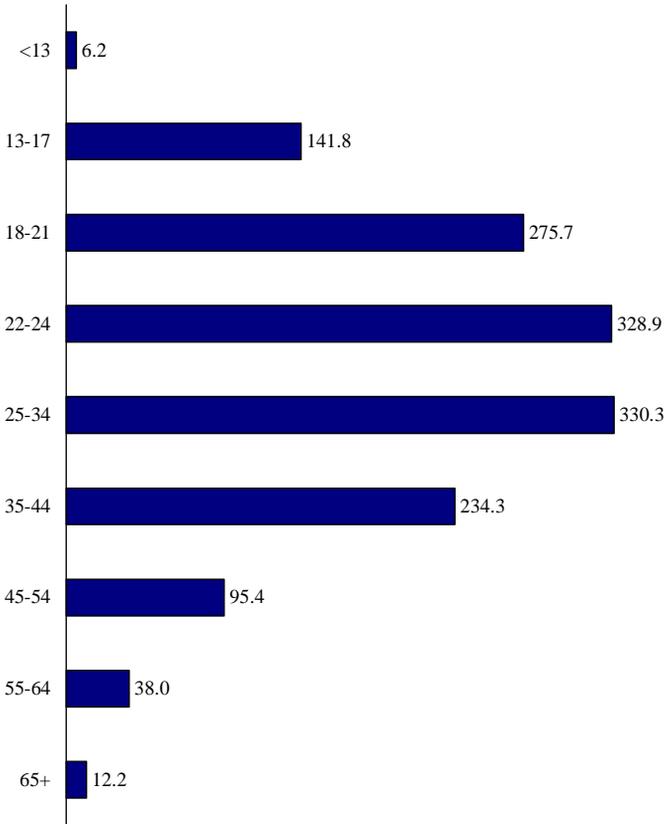
The mean age for domestic violence offenders was 31.9 and the median age was 31. The highest domestic violence offender rate was in the 25 through 34 age group.

Domestic Violence Offenders by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
12 and younger	2,154	0.8%	6.2
13 through 17	19,526	7.0%	141.8
18 through 21	31,088	11.2%	275.7
22 through 24	26,632	9.6%	328.9
25 through 34	93,511	33.5%	330.3
35 through 44	72,245	25.9%	234.3
45 through 54	24,242	8.7%	95.4
55 through 64	6,439	2.3%	38.0
65 and older	2,848	1.0%	12.2

Note: 13,340 cases missing age data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence Offender Rates by Age



Males accounted for 77.4% of domestic violence offenders. The domestic violence offender rate for males was 3.7 times greater than the rate for females.

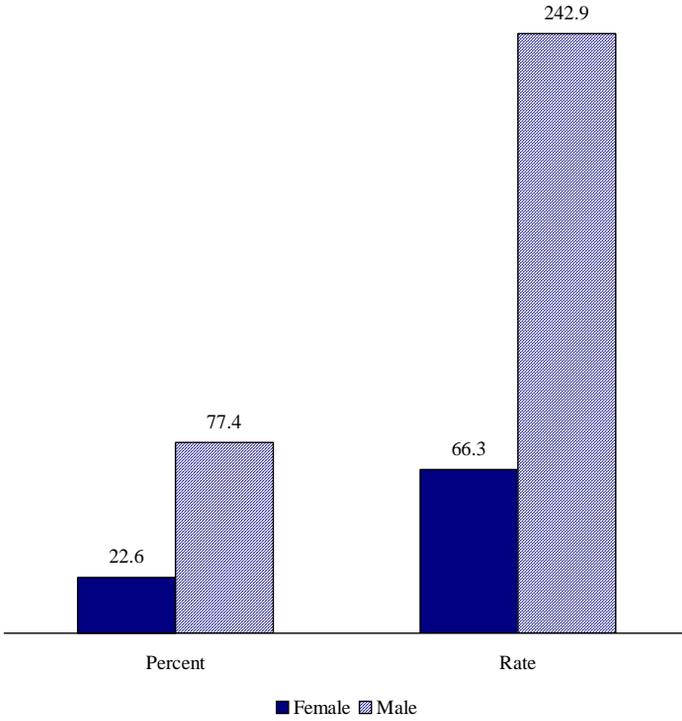
Domestic Violence Offenders by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	66,039	22.6%	66.3
Male	225,942	77.4%	242.9

Note: 44 cases of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Offenders by Sex



Non-whites accounted for 52.7% of domestic violence offenders. The domestic violence offender rate for non-whites was 2.4 times greater than the rate for whites.

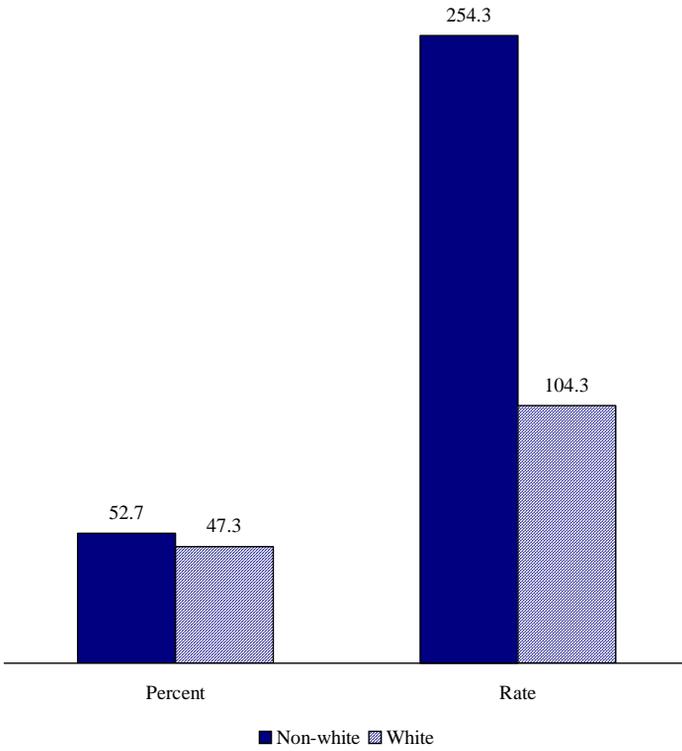
Domestic Violence Offenders by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	153,890	52.7%	254.3
White	137,865	47.3%	104.3

Note: 270 cases of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Offenders by Race



Non-white males had the highest domestic violence offender rate, followed by white males, non-white females and white females.

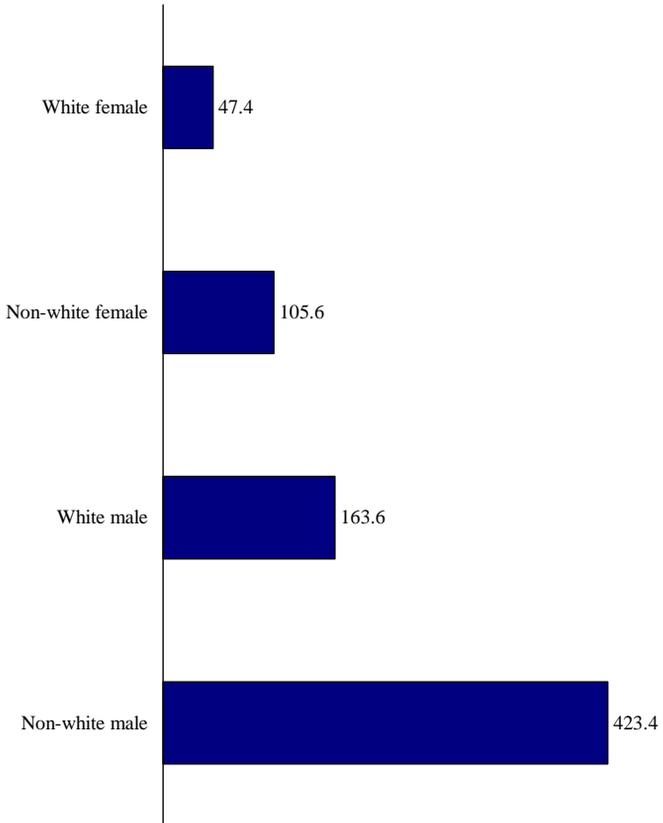
Domestic Violence Offenders by Race/Sex

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	33,999	11.6%	105.6
Non-white male	119,889	41.1%	423.4
White female	31,987	11.0%	47.4
White male	105,878	36.3%	163.6

Note: 272 cases missing race/sex data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Offender Rates by Race/Sex



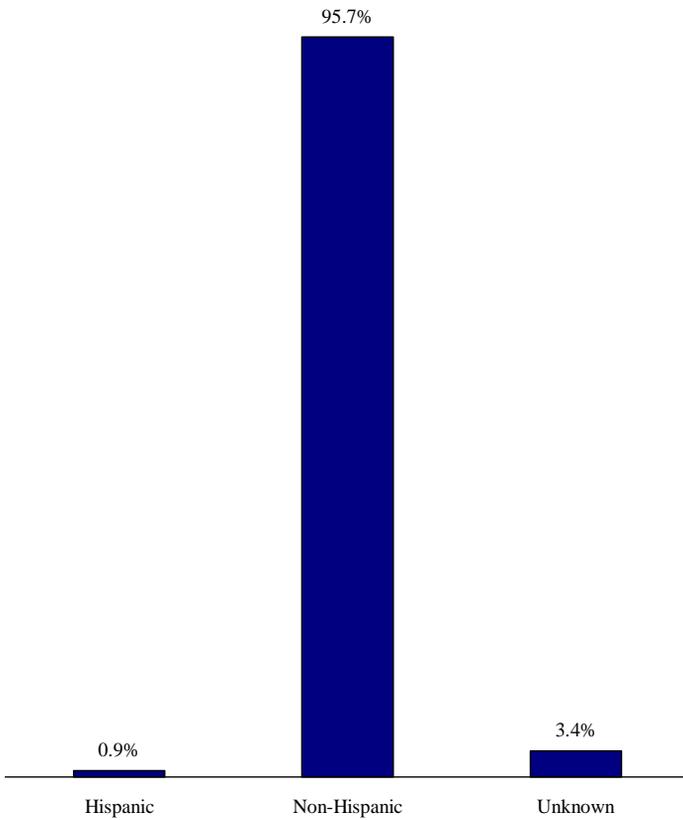
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of domestic violence offenders. Non-Hispanics accounted for 95.7% while 3.4% were of unknown ethnicity.

Domestic Violence Offenders by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	2,505	0.9%
Non-Hispanic	279,637	95.7%
Unknown	9,883	3.4%
Total	292,025	100.0%

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates
B&CB ORS.

Domestic Violence Offenders by Ethnicity



DOMESTIC MURDER

There were .27 domestic murder victims per 10,000 people in South Carolina from 1996 through 2000.

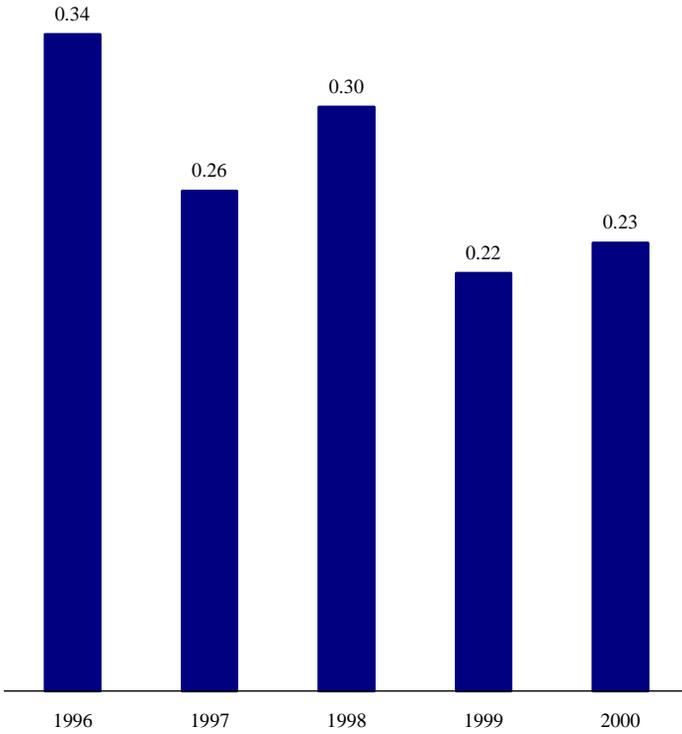
Domestic Murder: The willful killing of one person by another, where the victim to offender relationship is based on marriage, family, a romantic relationship or a former marriage.

Domestic Murders by Year

Year	Number	Percent	Rate
1996	127	24.5%	0.34
1997	98	18.9%	0.26
1998	116	22.4%	0.30
1999	84	16.2%	0.22
2000	93	18.0%	0.23
Total	518	100.0%	0.27

Sources: SLED, SCIBRS; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Victimization Rate by Year



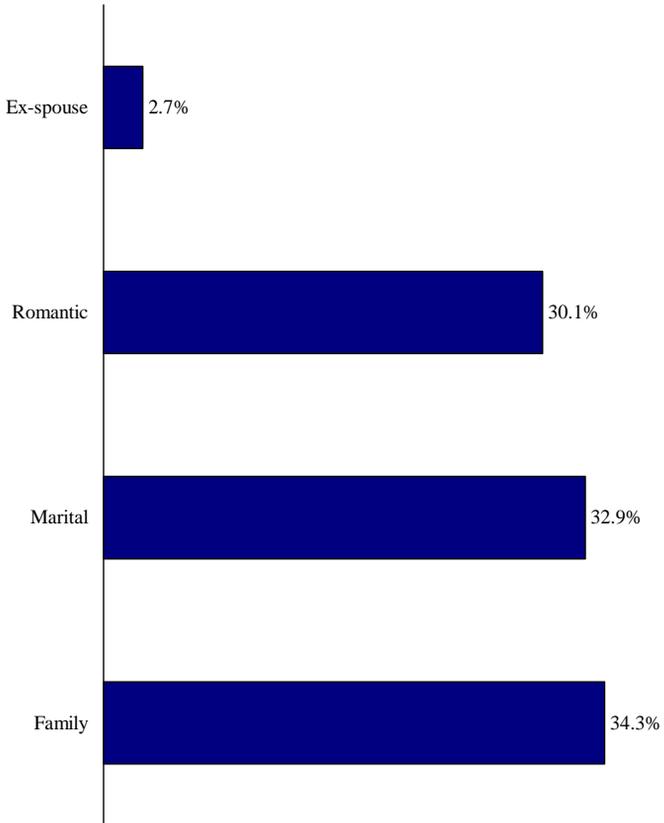
Family relationships were the most common victim to offender relationship in domestic murder. Ex-spouses were the least common domestic victim to offender relationship.

Domestic Murders by Victim to Offender Relationship

Victim was:	Number	Percent
Ex-spouse	14	2.7%
Family	178	34.3%
Marital	171	32.9%
Romantic	156	30.1%
Total	519	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Murder by Relationship



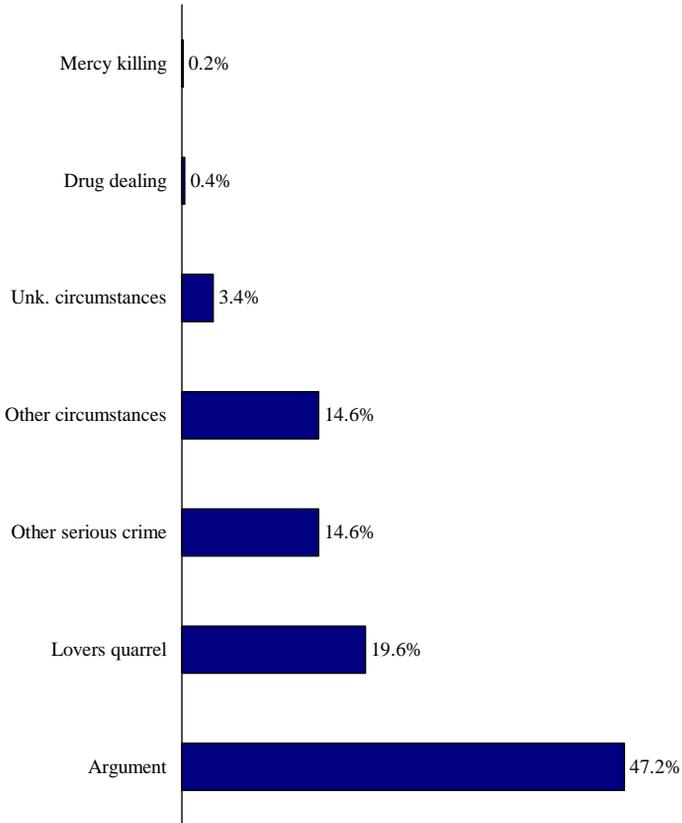
The circumstance most often reported leading to a domestic murder was an argument.

Domestic Murder Circumstances

Circumstance	Frequency	Percent
Argument	265	47.2%
Drug dealing	2	0.4%
Lovers quarrel	110	19.6%
Mercy killing	1	0.2%
Other serious crime	82	14.6%
Other known circumstances	82	14.6%
Unknown circumstances	19	3.4%
Total	561	100.0%

Note: SCIBRS allows for two circumstances per victim.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Murder Circumstances



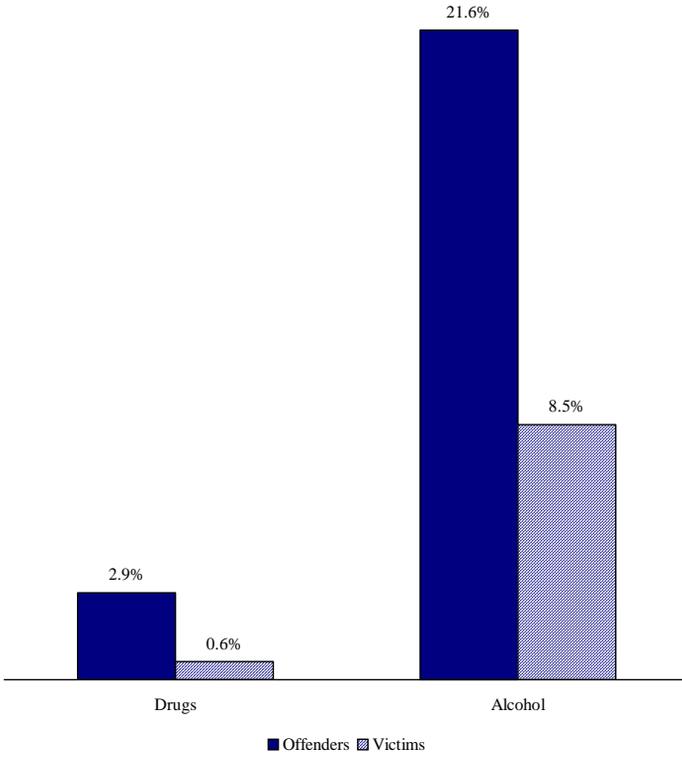
Drug or alcohol use by the offender was reported in 24.5% of the cases. Drug or alcohol use by the victim was reported in 9.1% of the cases.

Substance Use in Domestic Murder

Substance	Offender	Victim
Drugs	2.9%	0.6%
Alcohol	21.6%	8.5%
None reported	75.5%	90.9%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Substance Use in Domestic Murder



Handguns were the weapons most often used in domestic murder, accounting for 36.6% of the weapons used.

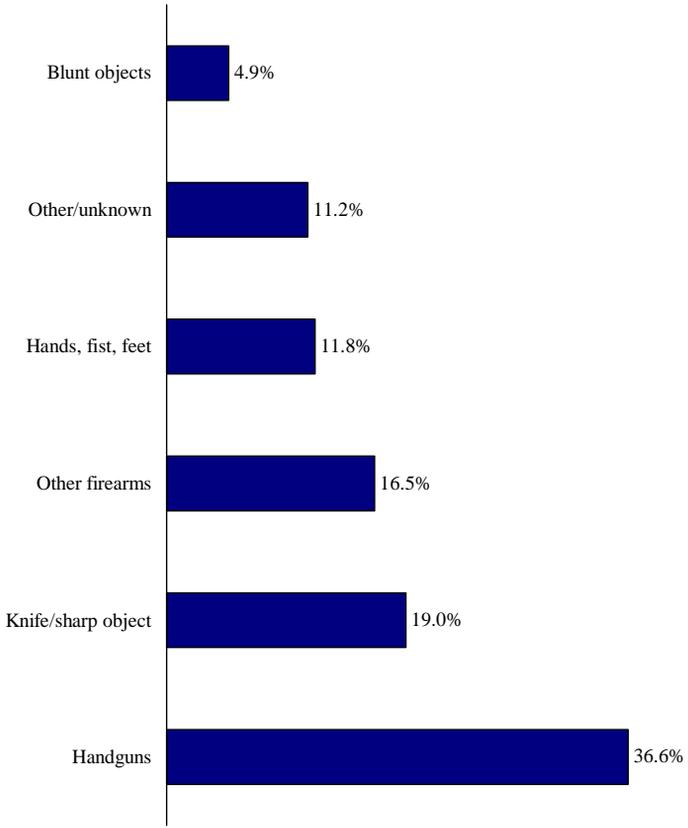
Domestic Murder Weapons

Weapon	Number	Percent
Blunt objects	26	4.9%
Handguns	193	36.6%
Knife/sharp objects	100	19.0%
Hands, fists, feet	62	11.8%
Other firearms	87	16.5%
Other/unknown	59	11.2%
Total	527	100.0%

Note: SCIBRS allows for up to three weapons to be reported per incident.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Murder by Weapons



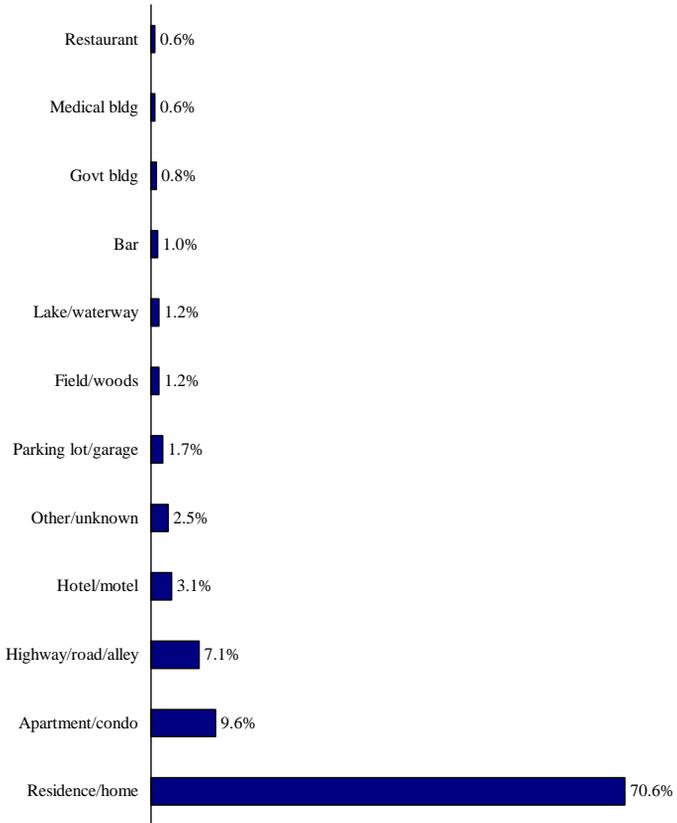
Residence or home was the location most frequently reported for domestic murder.

Domestic Murder by Location

Apartment/condo	50	9.6%
Bar	5	1.0%
Field/woods	6	1.2%
Government bldg.	4	0.8%
Highway/road	37	7.1%
Hotel/motel	16	3.1%
Lake/waterway	6	1.2%
Medical bldg.	3	0.6%
Other/unknown	13	2.5%
Parking lot/garage	9	1.7%
Residence/home	366	70.6%
Restaurant	3	0.6%
Total	518	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Murder by Location



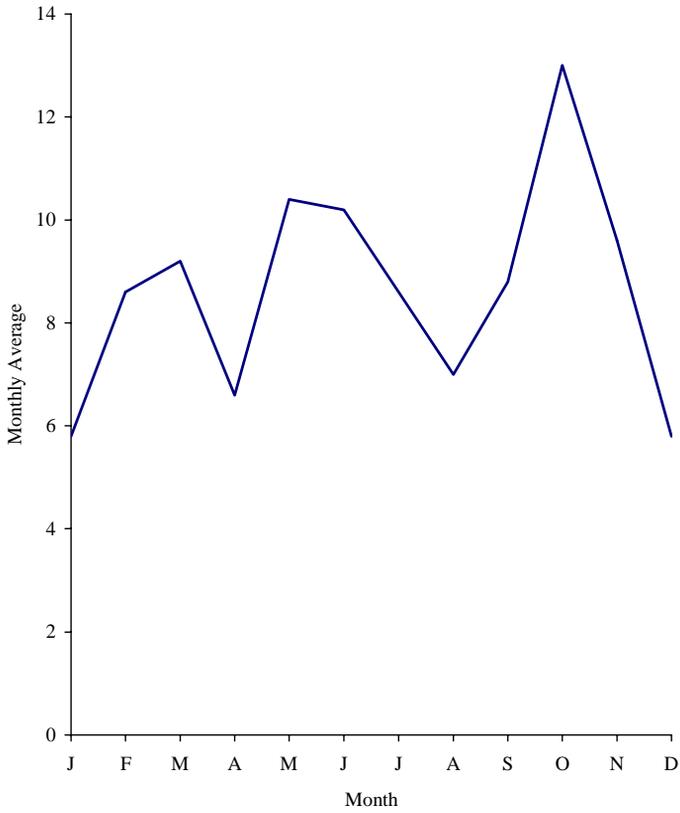
More domestic murder was reported in October than any other month.

Domestic Murder by Month

Month	Number	Percent	Monthly Average
January	29	5.6%	5.8
February	43	8.3%	8.6
March	46	8.9%	9.2
April	33	6.4%	6.6
May	52	10.0%	10.4
June	51	9.8%	10.2
July	43	8.3%	8.6
August	35	6.8%	7.0
September	44	8.5%	8.8
October	65	12.5%	13.0
November	48	9.3%	9.6
December	29	5.6%	5.8
Total	518	100.0%	8.6

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Murder by Month



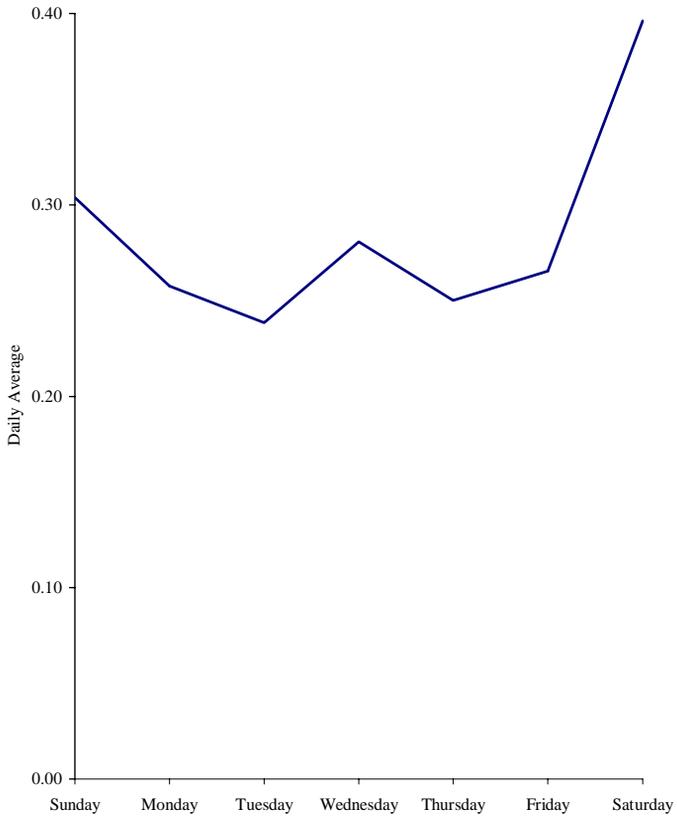
There were .28 domestic murders per day in South Carolina. More occurred on Saturday than any other day of the week.

Domestic Murder by Day of the Week

Day	Number	Percent	Daily Average
Sunday	79	15.3%	0.30
Monday	67	12.9%	0.26
Tuesday	62	12.0%	0.24
Wednesday	73	14.1%	0.28
Thursday	65	12.5%	0.25
Friday	69	13.3%	0.27
Saturday	103	19.9%	0.40
Total	518	100.0%	0.28

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Murder by Day of Week



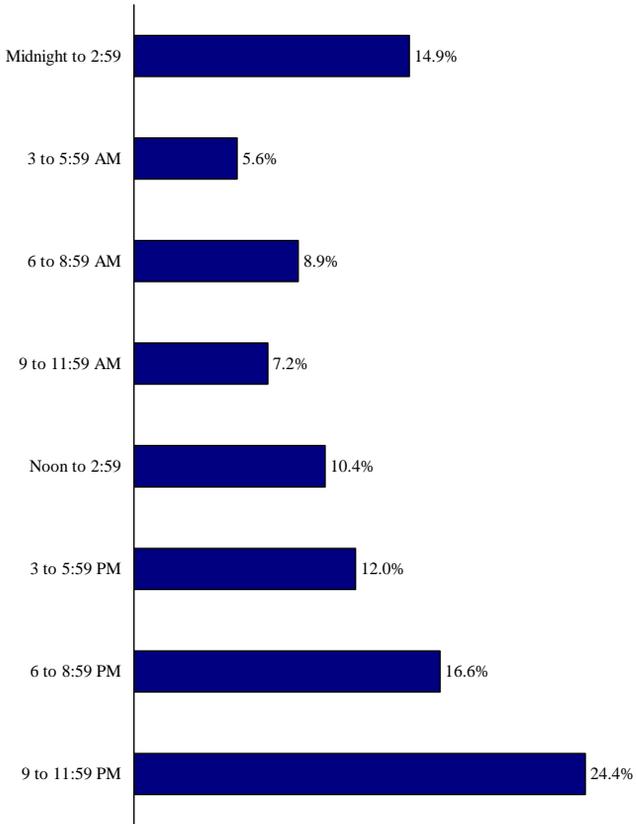
More domestic murder occurred between 9:00 PM and midnight than any other time period.

Domestic Murder by Time of Day

Time Period	Number	Percent
Midnight to 2:59 AM	72	14.9%
3 to 5:59 AM	27	5.6%
6 to 8:59 AM	43	8.9%
9 to 11:59 AM	35	7.2%
Noon to 2:59 AM	50	10.4%
3 to 5:59 PM	58	12.0%
6 to 8:59 PM	80	16.6%
9 to 11:59 PM	118	24.4%
Total	483	100.0%

Note: 35 cases were missing time data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Murder by Time of Day



The mean age for domestic murder victims was 36.6 and the median age was 35. The highest domestic murder victimization rate was among the 25 through 34 age group.

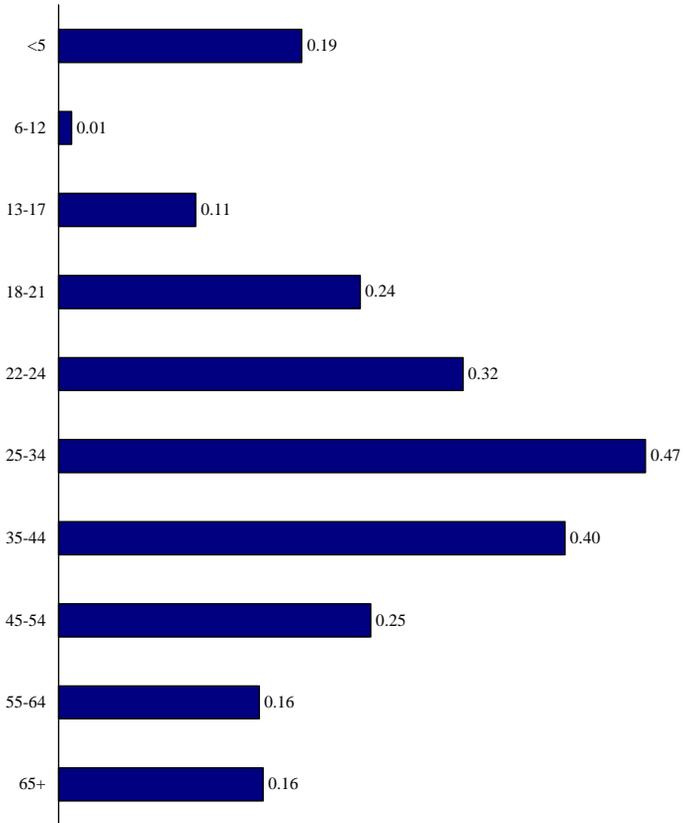
Domestic Murder Victims by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
5 and younger	30	6.2%	0.19
6 through 12	2	0.4%	0.01
13 through 17	15	3.1%	0.11
18 through 21	27	5.6%	0.24
22 through 24	26	5.4%	0.32
25 through 34	132	27.3%	0.47
35 through 44	124	25.6%	0.40
45 through 54	63	13.0%	0.25
55 through 64	27	5.6%	0.16
65 and older	38	7.8%	0.16

Note: 34 cases missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Victimization Rate by Age



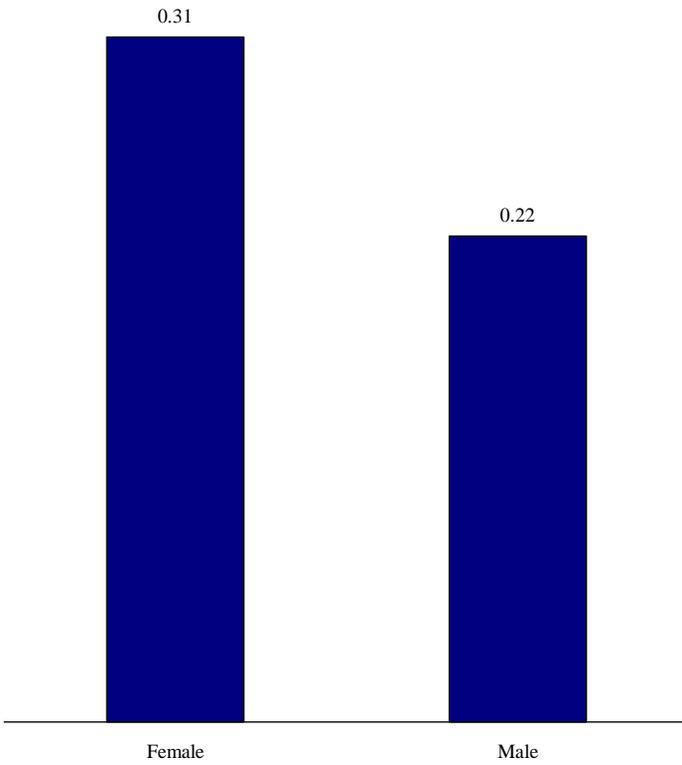
Females accounted for 60% of domestic murder victims.

Domestic Murder Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	311	60.0%	0.31
Male	207	40.0%	0.22

Source: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Victimization Rate by Sex



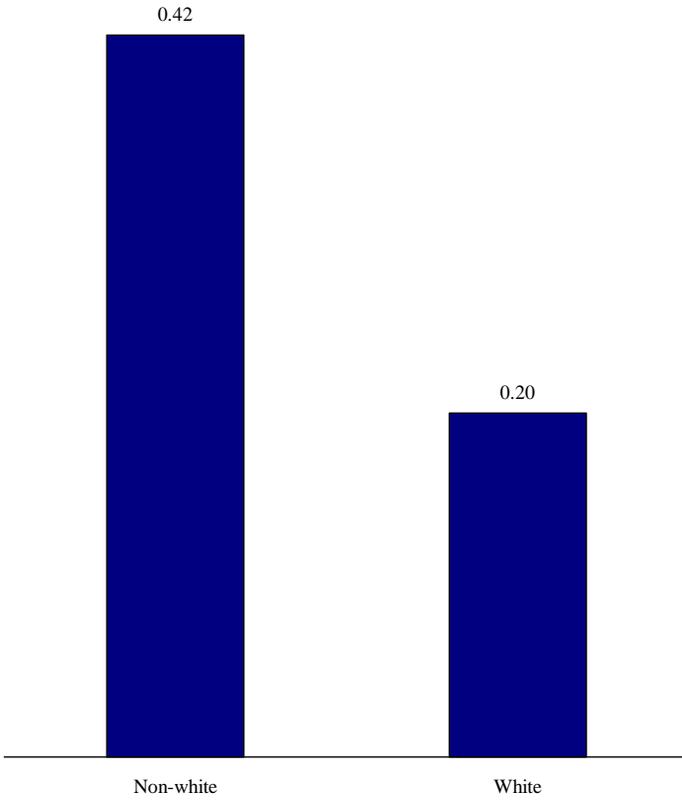
Whites accounted for 51% of domestic murder victims, however the domestic murder victimization rates for non-whites was twice that of whites.

Domestic Murder Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	254	49.0%	0.42
White	264	51.0%	0.20

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Victimization Rates by Race



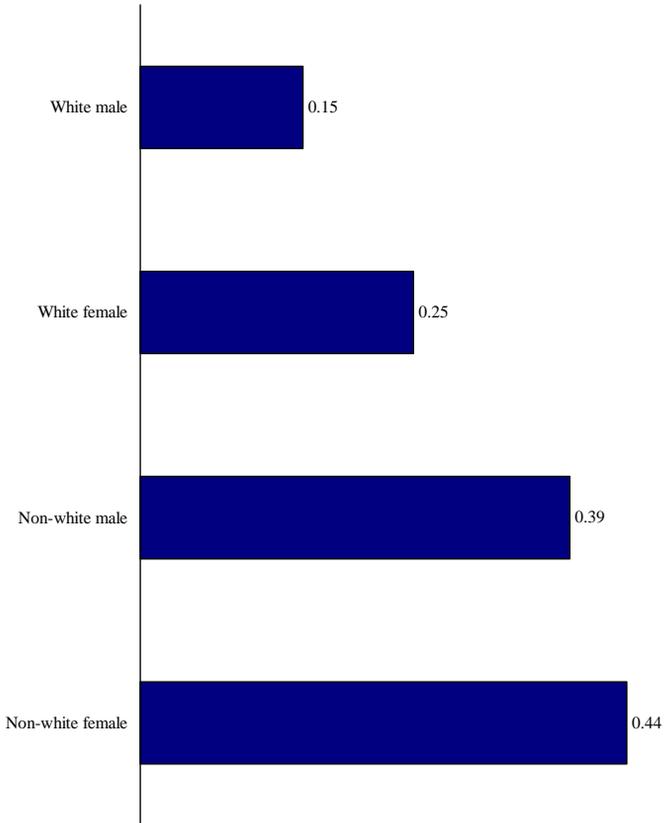
Non-white females had the highest domestic murder victimization rate, followed by non-white males, white females and white males.

Domestic Murder Victims by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	143	27.6%	0.44
Non-white male	111	21.5%	0.39
White female	168	32.4%	0.25
White male	96	18.5%	0.15

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Victimization Rates by Race/Sex



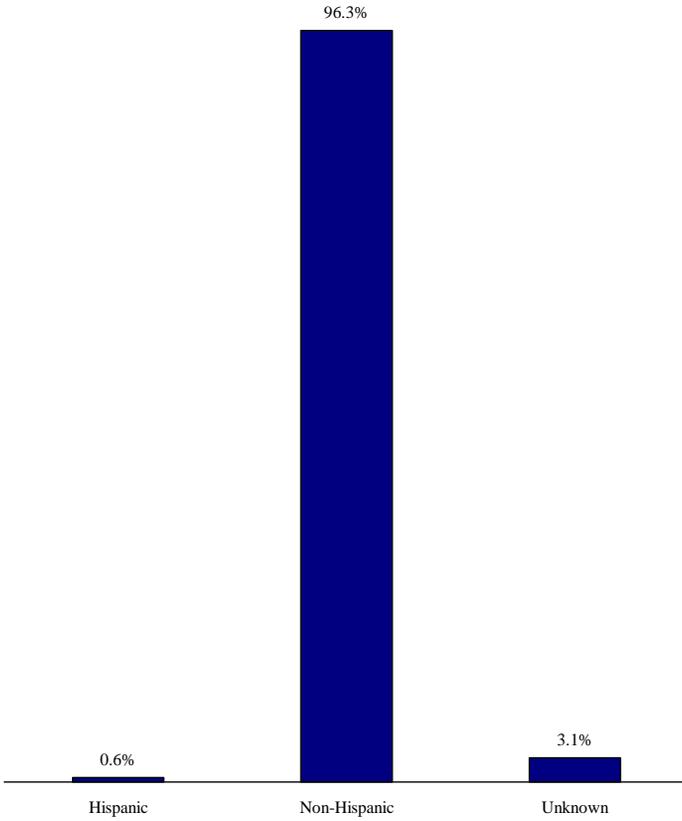
Less than 1% of domestic murder victims were Hispanic. Non-Hispanic accounted for 96.3% and 3.1% were of unknown ethnicity.

Domestic Murder Victims by Ethnicity

Victim Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	3	0.6%
Non-Hispanic	499	96.3%
Unknown	16	3.1%
Total	518	100.0%

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB, ORS.

Domestic Murder Victims by Ethnicity



The mean age for domestic murder offenders was 34.2 and the median age was 32. The highest offender rate was reported among 22 through 24 year olds.

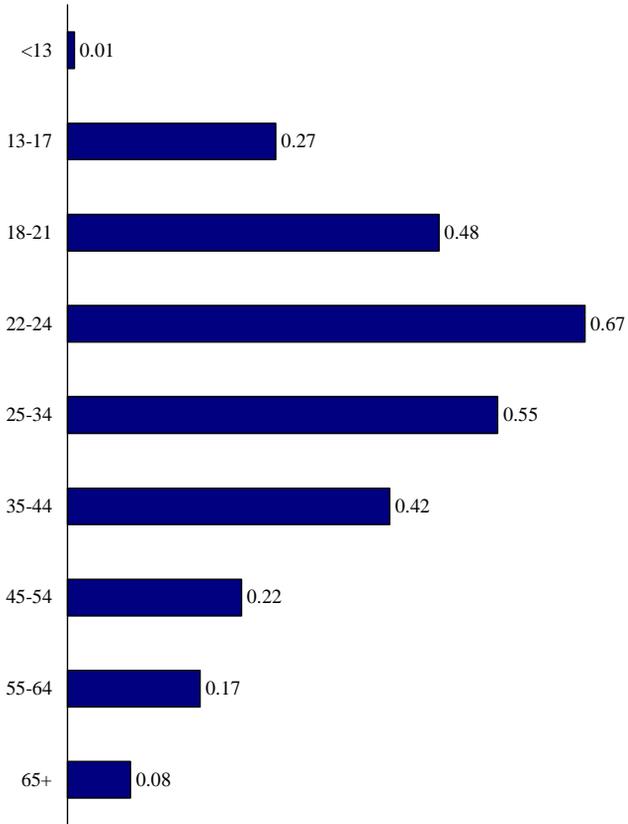
Domestic Murder Offenders by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
12 and younger	3	0.6%	0.01
13 through 17	37	6.9%	0.27
18 through 21	54	10.0%	0.48
22 through 24	54	10.0%	0.67
25 through 34	157	29.2%	0.55
35 through 44	128	23.8%	0.42
45 through 54	57	10.6%	0.22
55 through 64	29	5.4%	0.17
65 and older	19	3.5%	0.08

Note: 4 cases missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Offender Rates by Age



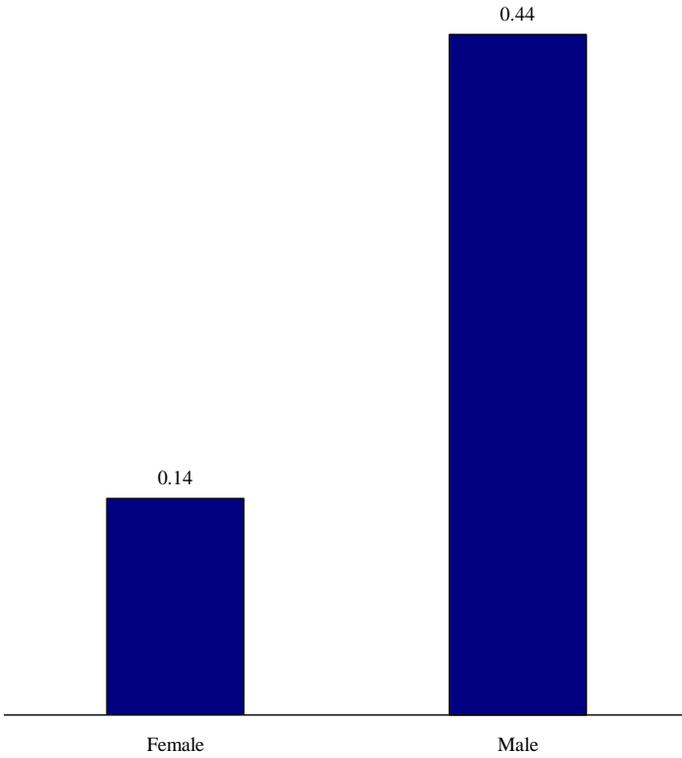
More males were reported as domestic murder offenders than females. The domestic murder offender rate for males was 3.1 times higher than the rate for females.

Domestic Murder Offenders by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	137	25.3%	0.14
Male	405	74.7%	0.44

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Offender Rates by Sex



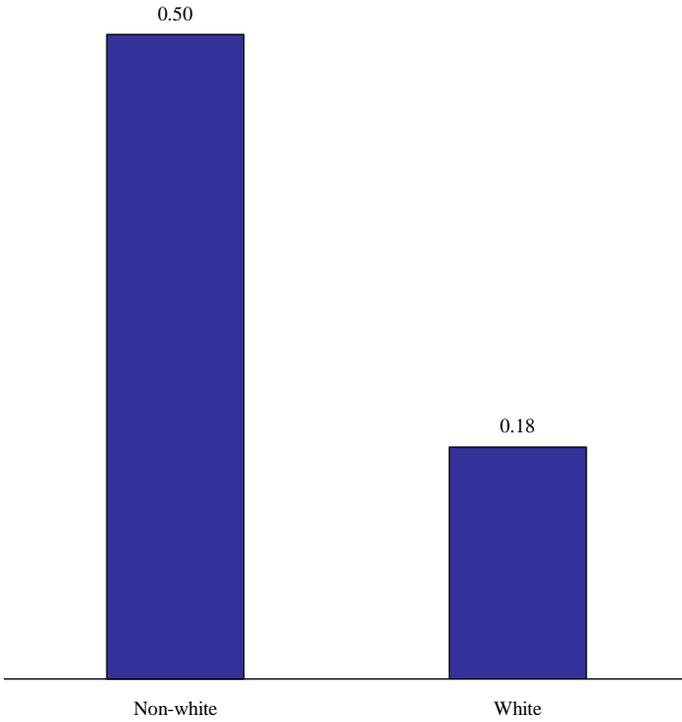
More domestic murder offenders were non-white than white. The domestic murder offender rate was higher among non-whites than whites.

Domestic Murder Offenders by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	304	56.1%	0.50
White	238	43.9%	0.18

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Offender Rates by Race



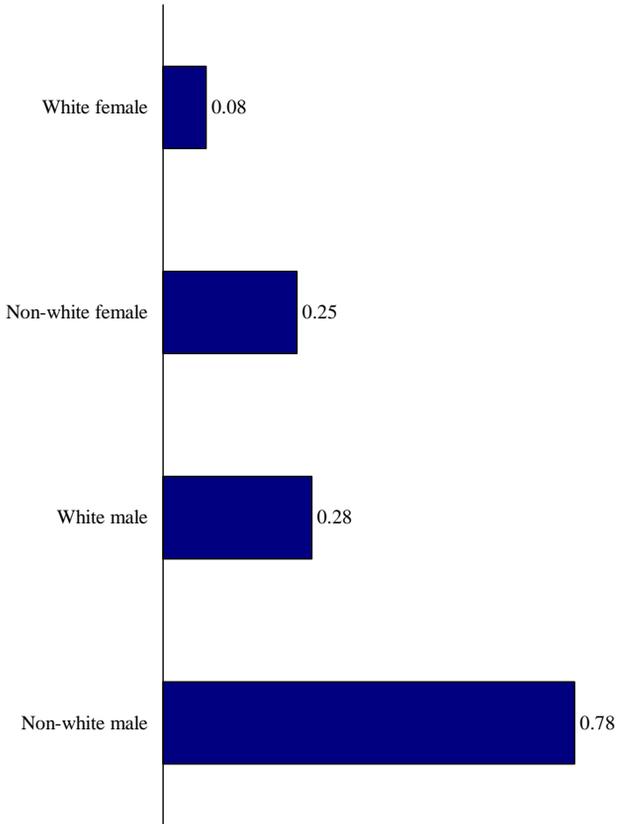
Non-white males had the highest domestic murder offender rate, followed by white males, non-white females and white females.

Domestic Murder Offenders by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	82	15.1%	0.25
Non-white male	222	41.0%	0.78
White female	55	10.1%	0.08
White male	183	33.8%	0.28

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Offender Rates by Race/Sex



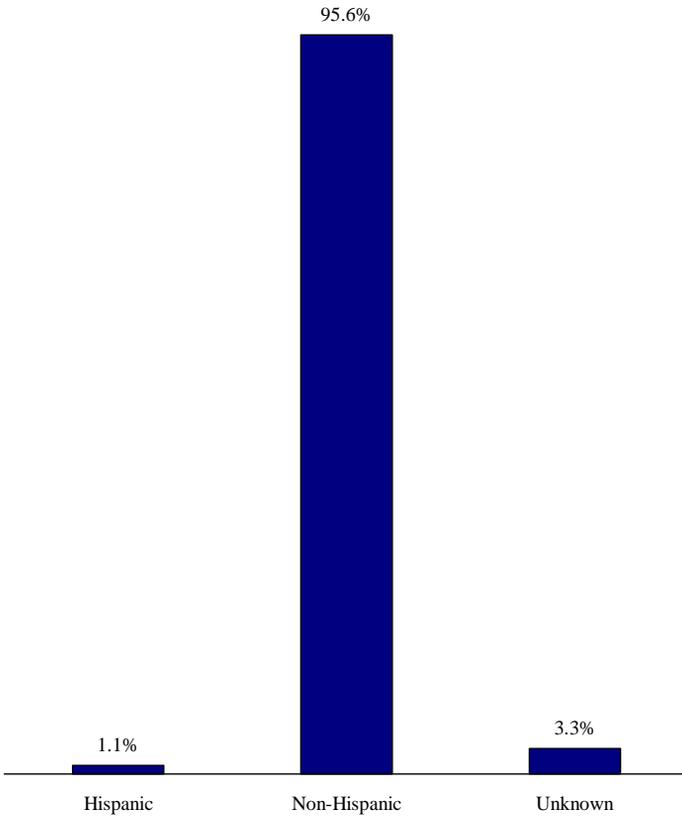
Hispanic accounted for 1.1% of domestic murder offenders. Non-Hispanics accounted for 95.6% and 3.3% were of unknown ethnicity.

Domestic Murder Offenders by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	6	1.1%
Non-Hispanic	518	95.6%
Unknown	18	3.3%
Total	542	100.0%

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Murder Offenders by Ethnicity



DOMESTIC FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES

There were 2.5 domestic forcible sex offense victims per 10,000 people from 1996 through 2000.

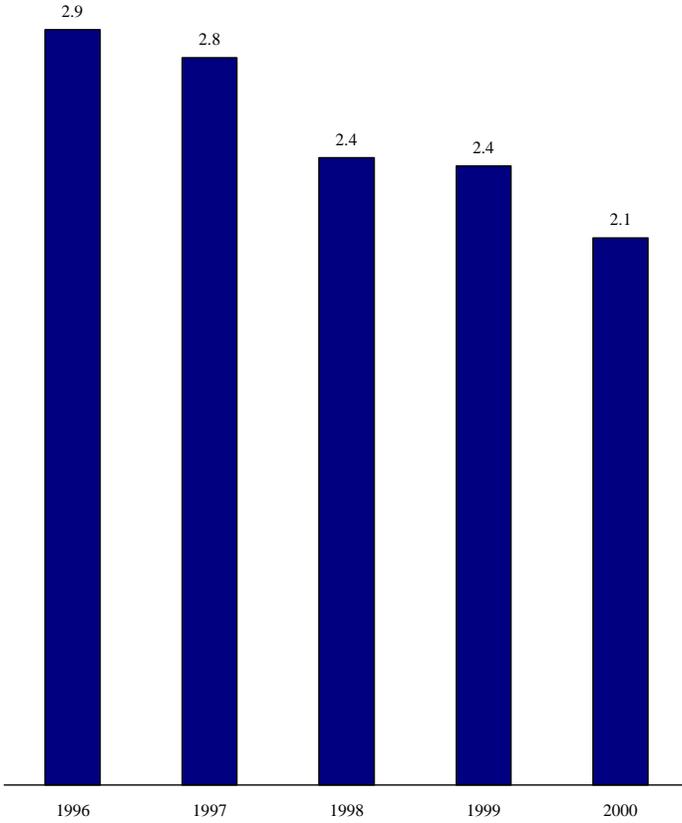
Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses: Rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object or forcible fondling, where the victim to offender relationship is based on marriage, family, a romantic relationship or a former marriage.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Year

Year	Number	Percent	Rate
1996	1,086	22.4%	2.9
1997	1,060	21.9%	2.8
1998	926	19.1%	2.4
1999	925	19.1%	2.4
2000	845	17.5%	2.1
Total	4,842	100.0%	2.5

Sources: SLED, SCIBRS; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offense Victimization Rate



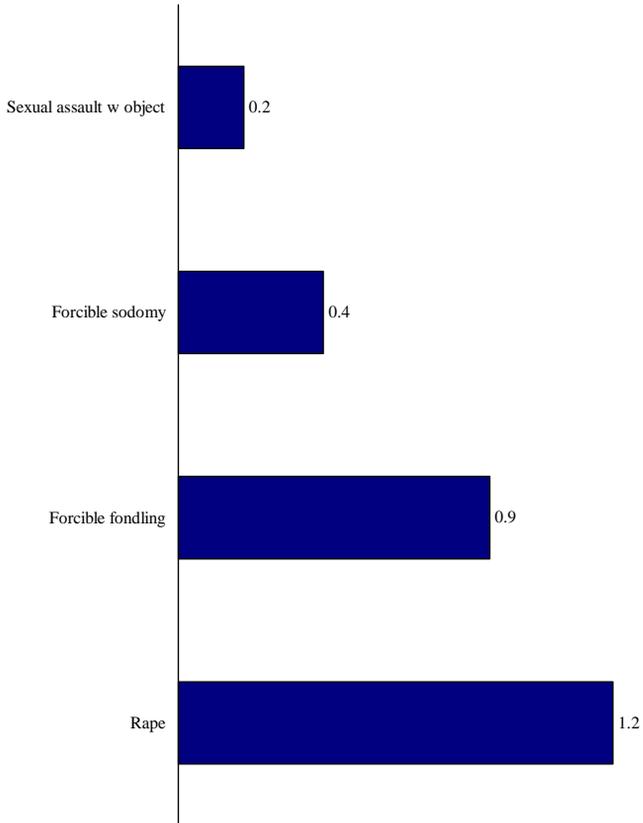
Rape was the most frequently reported domestic forcible sex offense.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses

Offense	Number	Percent	Rate
Rape	2,295	45.4%	1.2
Forcible sodomy	766	15.2%	0.4
Sexual assault w object	346	6.8%	0.2
Forcible fondling	1,645	32.6%	0.9
Total	5,052	100.0%	2.6

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offense Victimization Rates



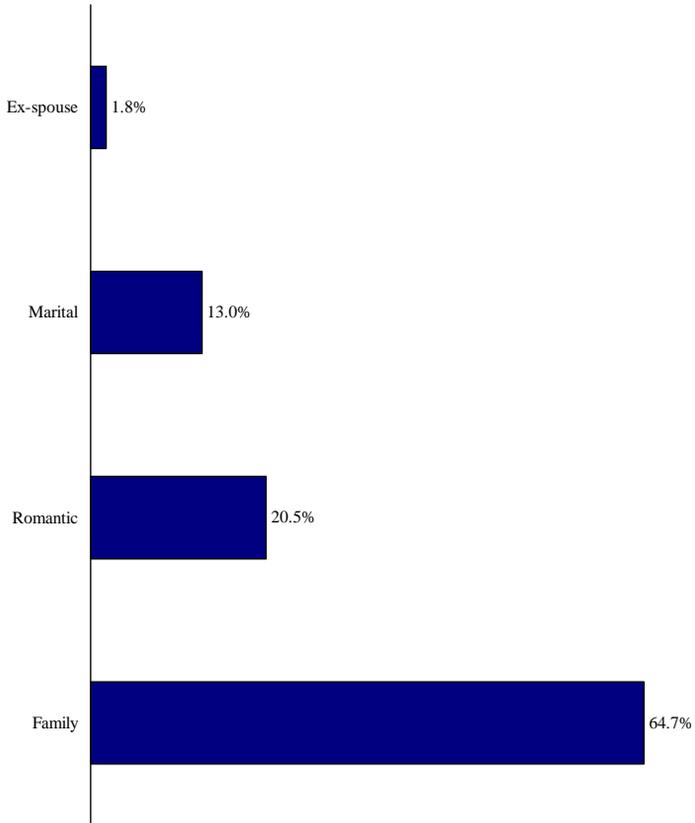
Family members were involved in 64.7% of domestic forcible sex offenses.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Victim/Offender Relationship

Victim was:	Number	Percent
Ex-spouse	89	1.8%
Marital	639	13.0%
Romantic	1,009	20.5%
Family	3,182	64.7%
Total	4,919	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Relationship



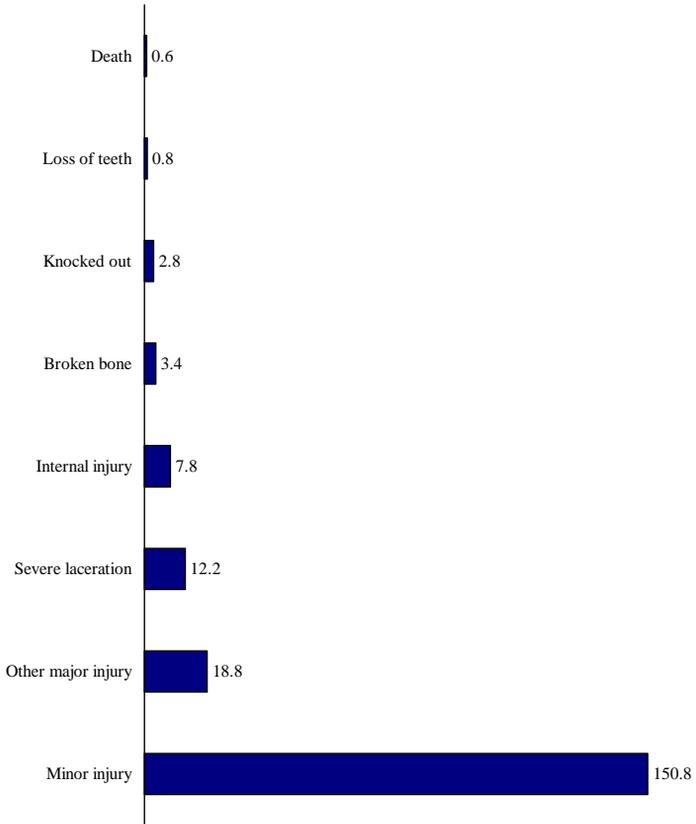
Minor injuries were the injury most often reported in connection with domestic forcible sex offenses.

Reported Injuries in Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses

Injury	Number	Percent	Annual Average
Broken bone	17	1.7%	3.4
Death	3	0.3%	0.6
Internal injury	39	4.0%	7.8
Knocked out	14	1.4%	2.8
Loss of teeth	4	0.4%	0.8
Minor injury	754	76.5%	150.8
Other major injury	94	9.5%	18.8
Severe laceration	61	6.2%	12.2
Total	986	100.0%	197.2

Note: 3,856 cases had no injury reported.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Injury



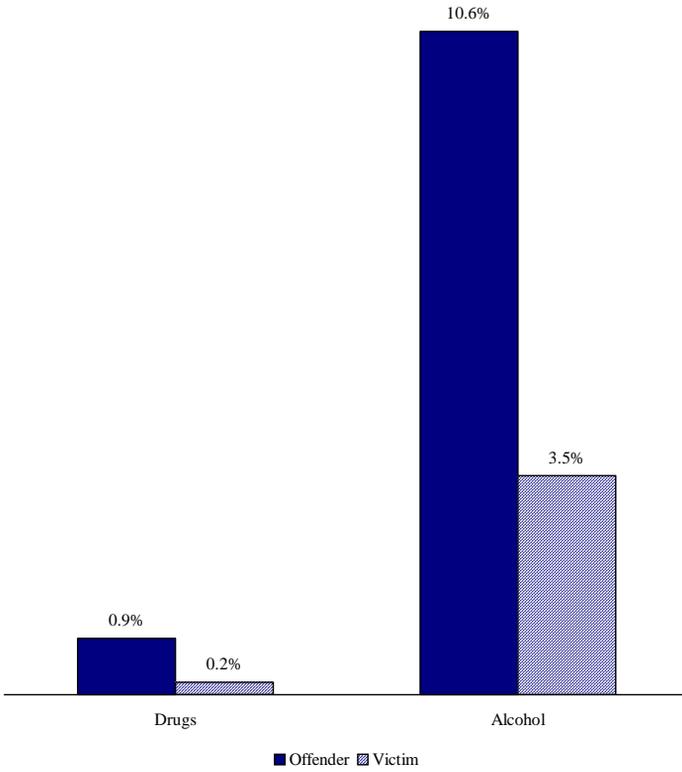
Alcohol or drug use by the offender was involved in 11.5% of domestic forcible sex offenses. Alcohol or drug use by the victim was involved in 3.7% of the cases.

Substance Abuse in Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses

Substance	Offender	Victim
Drugs	0.9%	0.2%
Alcohol	10.6%	3.5%
None reported	88.5%	96.3%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Substance Use in Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses



Personal weapons such as hands, feet or fists were involved in 91% of domestic forcible sex offenses.

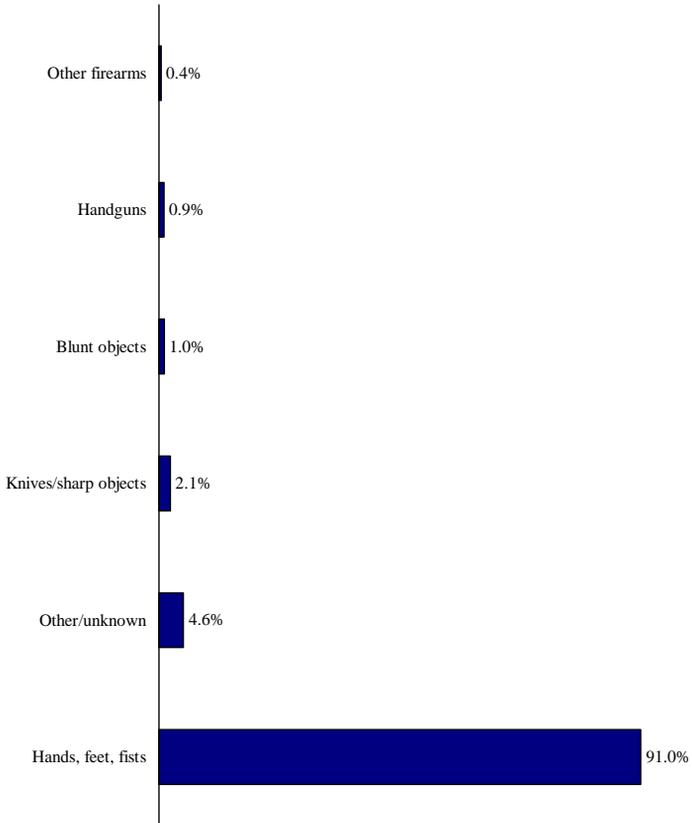
Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Weapon

Weapon	Number	Percent
Blunt objects	46	1.0%
Handguns	44	0.9%
Hands, feet, fists	4,417	91.0%
Knives/sharp objects	104	2.1%
Other firearms	18	0.4%
Other/unknown	223	4.6%
Total	4,852	100.0%

Note: SCIBRS allows for up to three weapons to be reported per incident.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Weapons



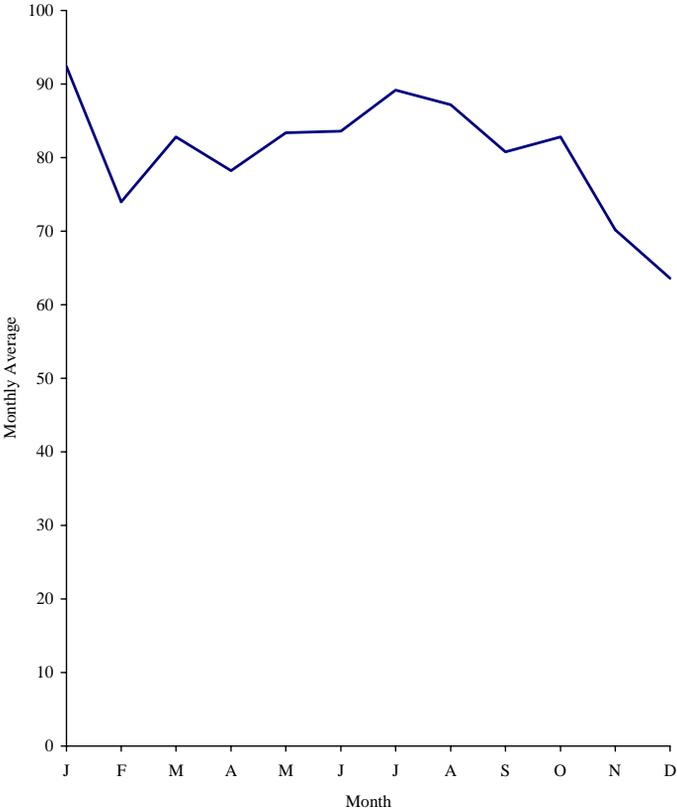
More domestic forcible sex offenses were reported in January than any other month.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Month

Month	Number	Percent	Average Per Month
January	462	9.5%	92.4
February	370	7.6%	74.0
March	414	8.6%	82.8
April	391	8.1%	78.2
May	417	8.6%	83.4
June	418	8.6%	83.6
July	446	9.2%	89.2
August	436	9.0%	87.2
September	404	8.3%	80.8
October	414	8.6%	82.8
November	351	7.3%	70.2
December	318	6.6%	63.6
Total	4,841	100.0%	80.7

Note: One case was missing month information.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Month



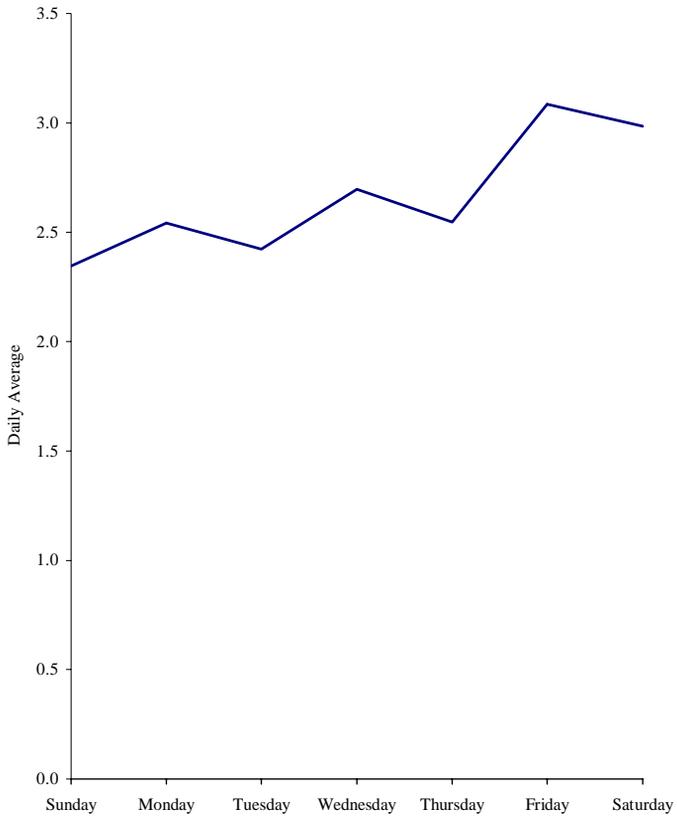
More domestic forcible sex offenses were reported on Friday than any other day. The fewest domestic forcible sex offenses were reported on Sunday.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offense by Day of Week

Day	Number	Percent	Daily Average
Sunday	610	12.6%	2.3
Monday	661	13.6%	2.5
Tuesday	630	13.0%	2.4
Wednesday	701	14.5%	2.7
Thursday	662	13.7%	2.5
Friday	802	16.6%	3.1
Saturday	776	16.0%	3.0
Total	4,842	100.0%	2.7

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Day of Week



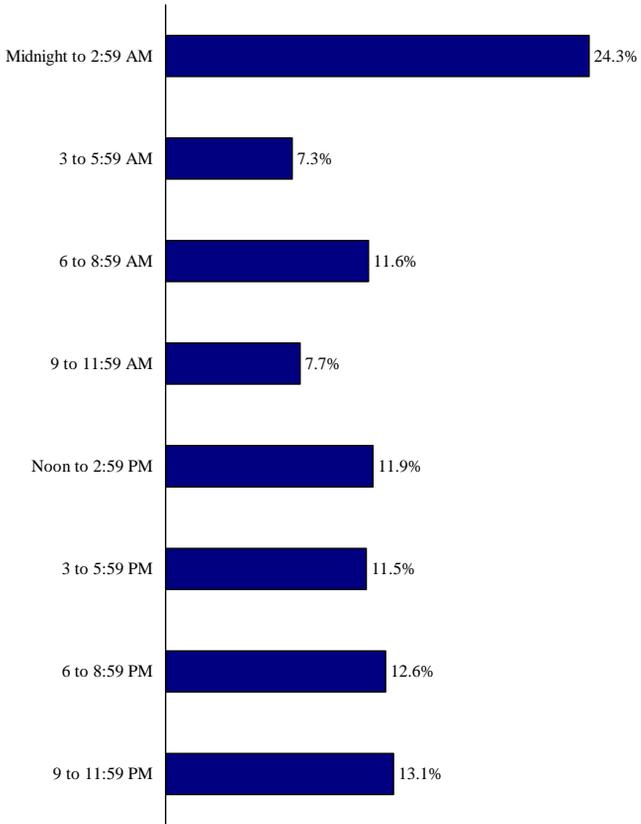
More domestic forcible sex offense occurred from midnight to 2:59 AM than any other time period.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Time Period

Time period	Number	Percent
Midnight to 2:59 AM	1,060	24.3%
3:00 to 5:59 AM	318	7.3%
6:00 to 8:59 AM	509	11.6%
9:00 to 11:59 AM	338	7.7%
Noon to 2:59 PM	520	11.9%
3:00 to 5:59 PM	504	11.5%
6:00 to 8:59 PM	552	12.6%
9:00 to 11:59 PM	572	13.1%
Total	4,373	100.0%

Note: 469 cases were missing time data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Time of Day



The mean age of domestic forcible sex offense victims was 17.2 and the median age was 14. The highest victimization rate was among the thirteen to seventeen years of age group.

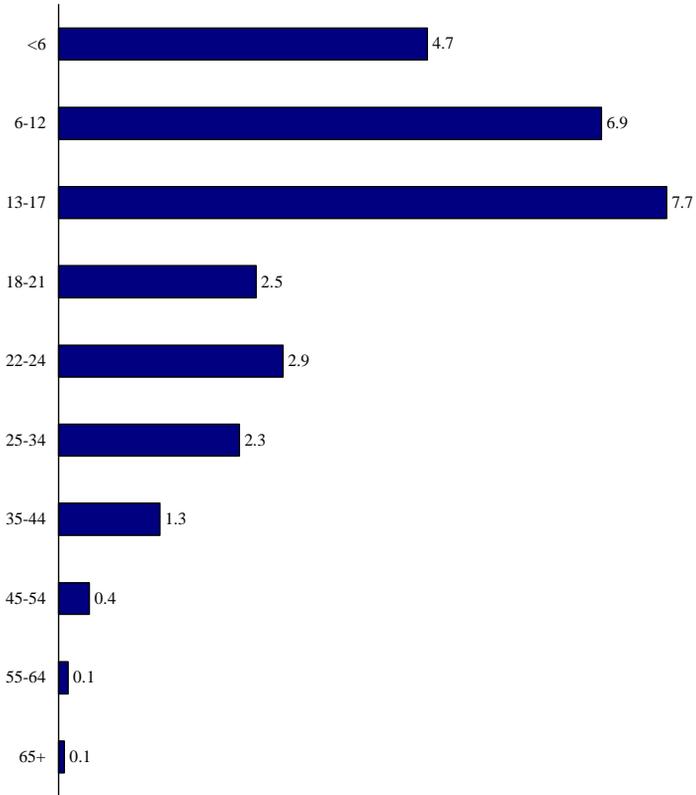
Victims of Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
5 and younger	728	15.1%	4.7
6 through 12	1,317	27.4%	6.9
13 through 17	1,064	22.1%	7.7
18 through 21	283	5.9%	2.5
22 through 24	231	4.8%	2.9
25 through 34	650	13.5%	2.3
35 through 44	397	8.3%	1.3
45 through 54	100	2.1%	0.4
55 through 64	21	0.4%	0.1
65 and older	17	0.4%	0.1

Note: 34 were missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED, unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offense Victimization Rates by Age



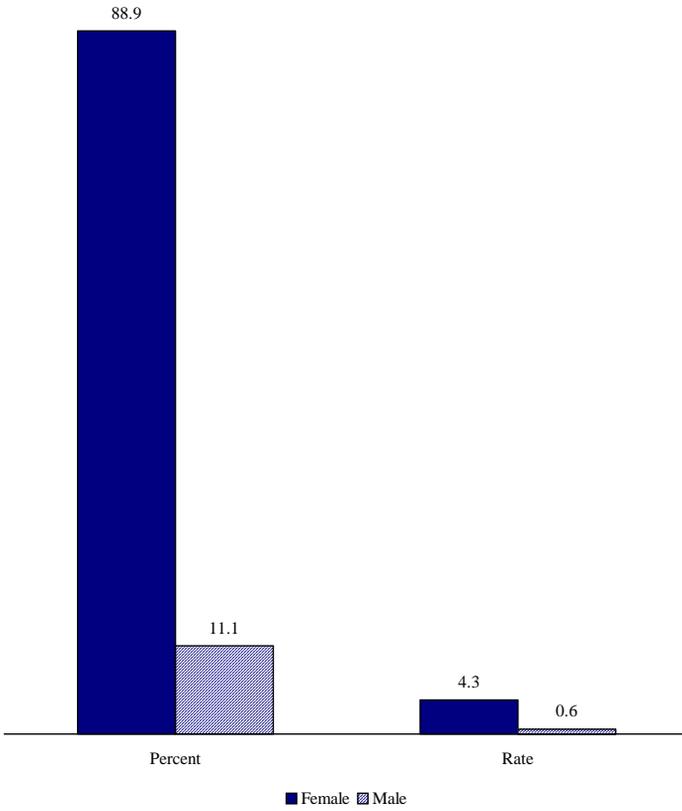
More females than males were victims of domestic forcible sex offenses. The victimization rate for females was 7.2 times the victimization rate for males.

Victims of Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	4,304	88.9%	4.3
Male	538	11.1%	0.6

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED, unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offense Victims by Sex



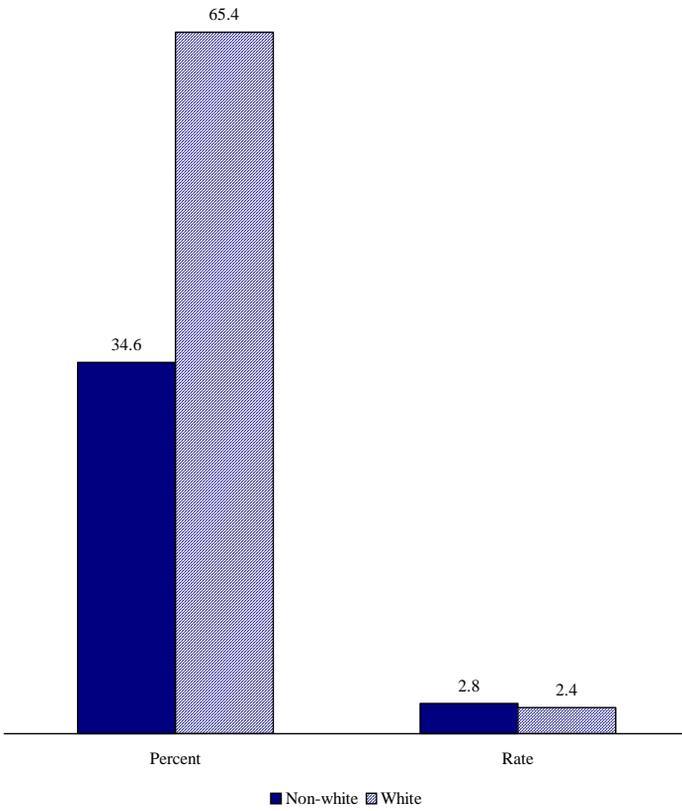
Whites accounted for 65.4% of domestic forcible sex offense victims. However, the victimization rate among non-whites was 1.2 times higher than the rate for whites.

Victims of Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	1,674	34.6%	2.8
White	3,167	65.4%	2.4

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED, unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offense Victims by Race



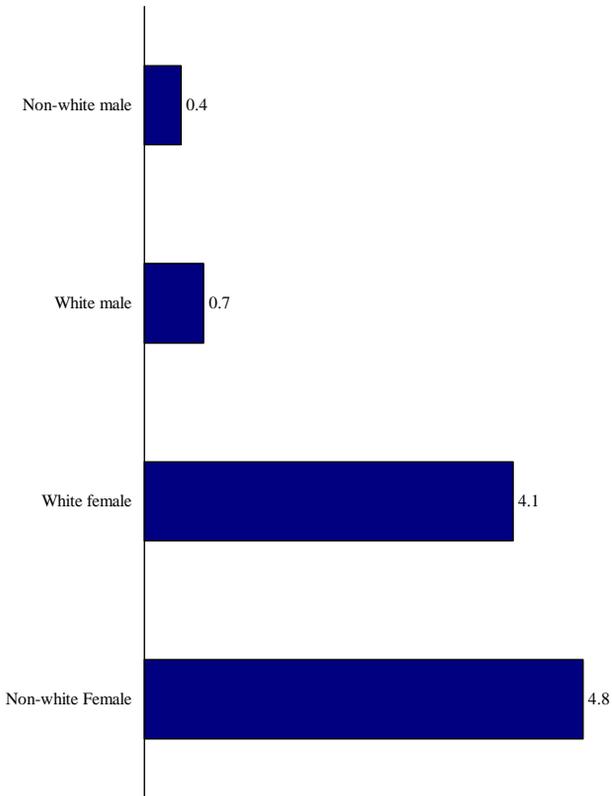
The highest domestic forcible sex offense victimization rate was among non-white females, followed by white females, white males and non-white males.

Victims of Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	1,559	32.2%	4.8
Non-white male	115	2.4%	0.4
White female	2,744	56.7%	4.1
White male	423	8.7%	0.7

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED, unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offense Victimization Rates by Race/Sex



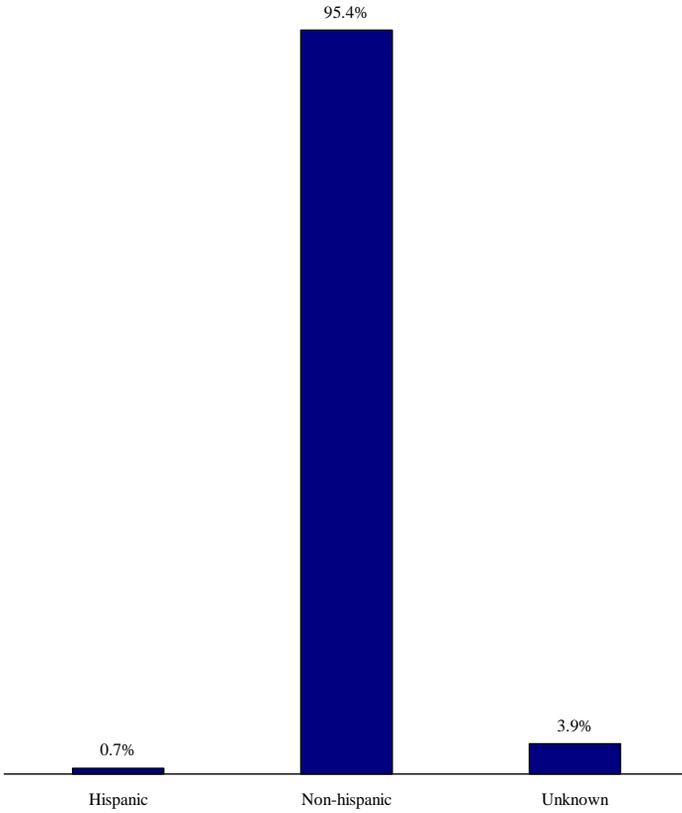
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of reported domestic forcible sex offense victims. Non-Hispanics accounted for 95.4% of domestic violence forcible sex victims and 3.9% of victims were of unknown ethnicity.

Victims of Domestic Forcible Sex Offenses by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	36	0.7%
Non-Hispanic	4,617	95.4%
Unknown	189	3.9%
Total	4,842	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offense Victims by Ethnicity



The mean age among domestic forcible sex offenders was 31.2 and the median age was 31. The highest forcible domestic sex offender rate was reported among 13 through 17 year olds.

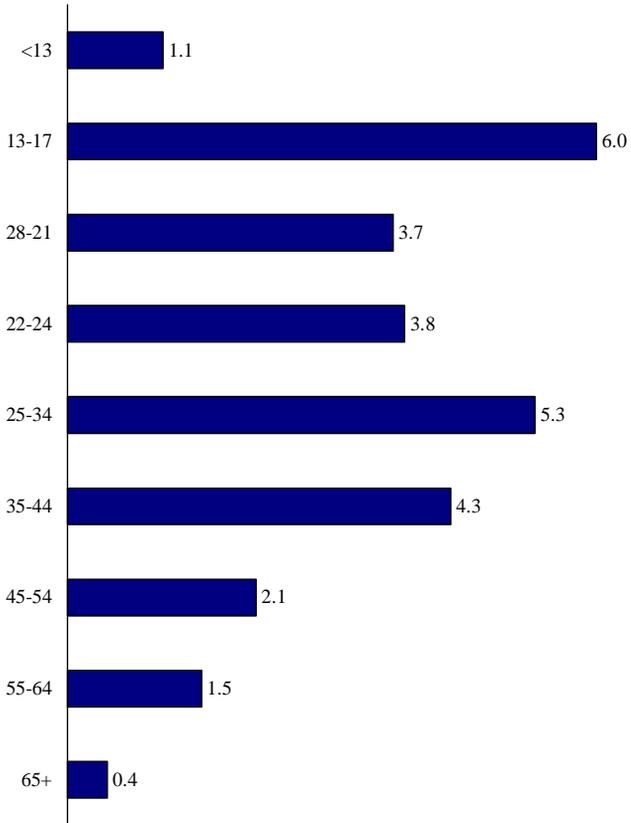
Domestic Forcible Sex Offenders by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
12 and younger	374	6.6%	1.1
13 through 17	822	14.6%	6.0
18 through 21	414	7.3%	3.7
22 through 24	308	5.5%	3.8
25 through 34	1,493	26.4%	5.3
35 through 44	1,332	23.6%	4.3
45 through 54	541	9.6%	2.1
55 through 64	256	4.5%	1.5
65 and older	105	1.9%	0.4

Note: 688 cases missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offender Rates by Age



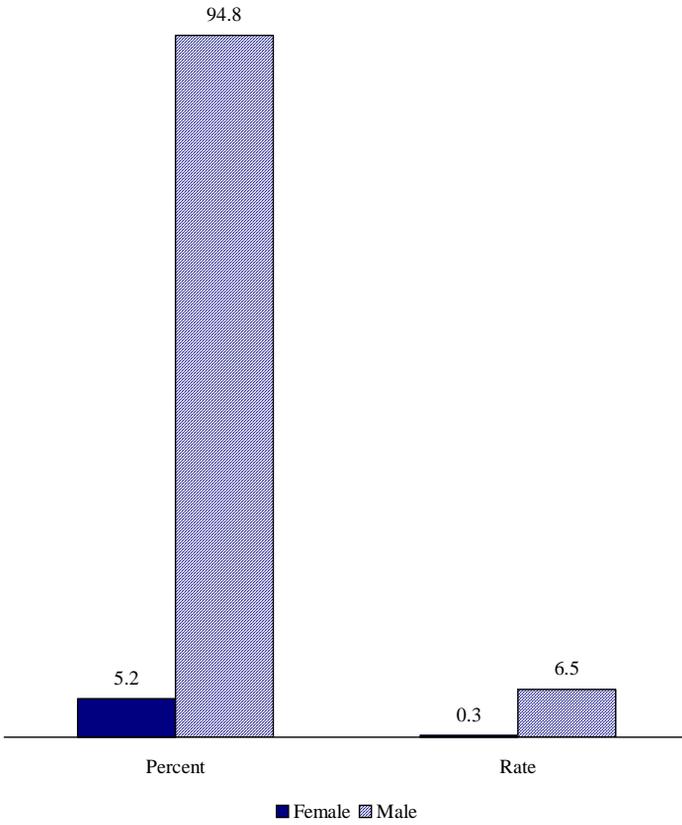
Males accounted for 94.8% of domestic forcible sex offenders. The domestic forcible sex offender rate for males was 21.7 times than the offender rate for females.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenders by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	328	5.2%	0.3
Male	6,004	94.8%	6.5

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenders by Sex



Whites accounted for 61.2% of domestic forcible sex offenders, however the offender rate for non-whites was 1.4 times higher.

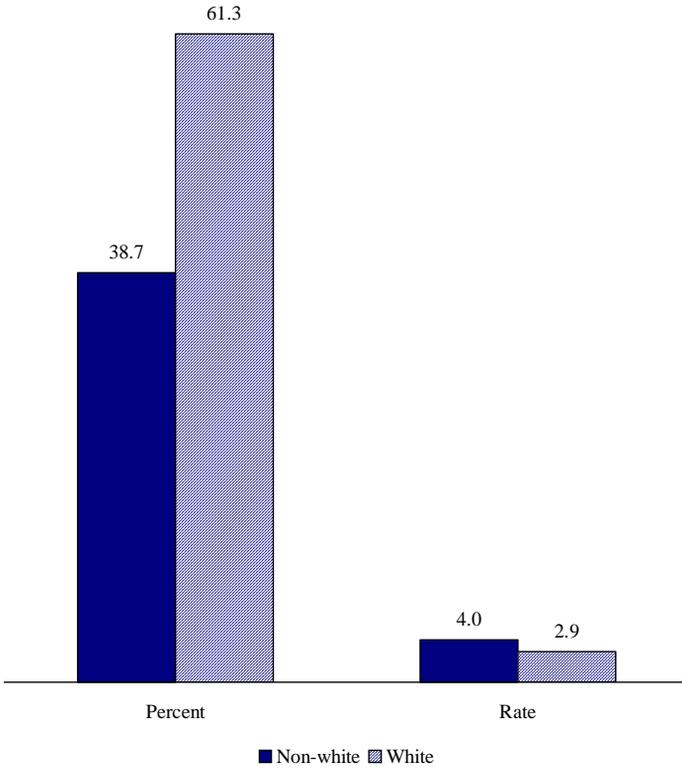
Domestic Forcible Sex Offenders by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	2,445	38.7%	4.0
White	3,874	61.3%	2.9

Note: 14 cases were of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenders by Race



The highest rate of domestic forcible sex offenders was among non-white males, followed by white males, white females and non-white females.

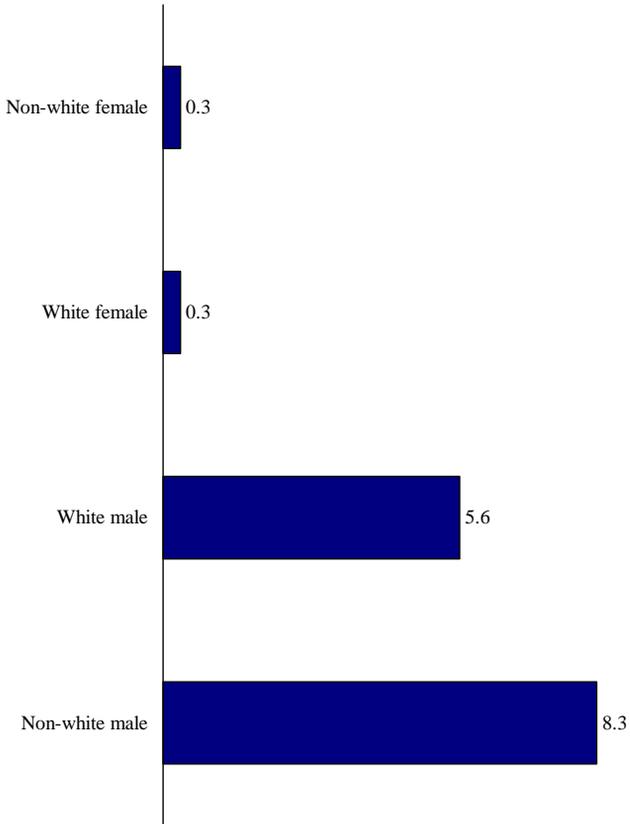
Domestic Forcible Sex Offenders by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	105	1.7%	0.3
Non-white male	2,340	37.0%	8.3
White female	220	3.5%	0.3
White male	3,654	57.8%	5.6

Note: 14 cases were of unknown race/sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offender Rates by Race/Sex



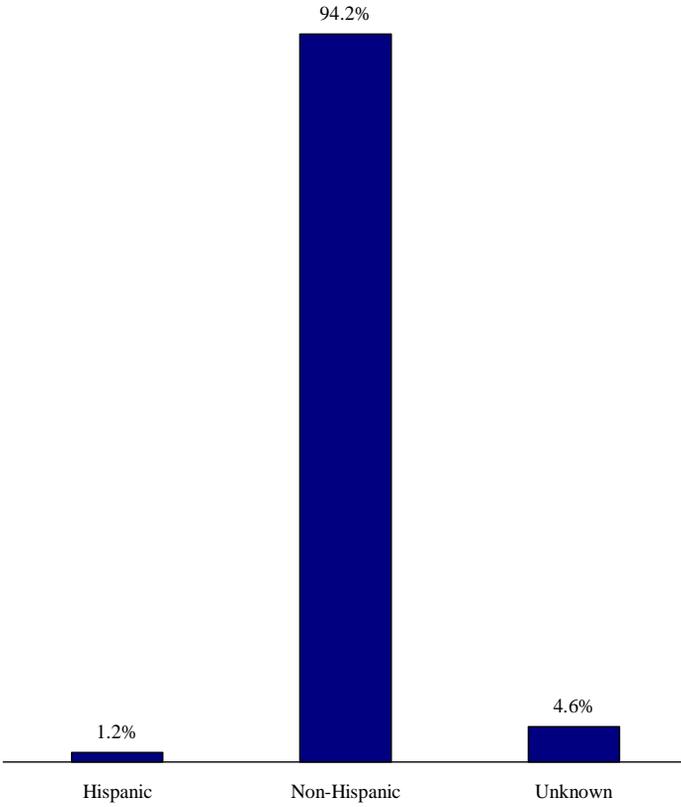
Hispanics accounted for 1.2% of domestic forcible sex offenders, while 4.6% of domestic forcible sex offenders were of unknown ethnicity. Non-Hispanics accounted for the remaining 94.2%.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenders by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	79	1.2%
Non-Hispanic	5,964	94.2%
Unknown	290	4.6%
Total	6,333	100.0%

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Forcible Sex Offenders by Ethnicity



DOMESTIC AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

There were 26.3 domestic aggravated assaults per 10,000 people in South Carolina from 1996 through 2000.

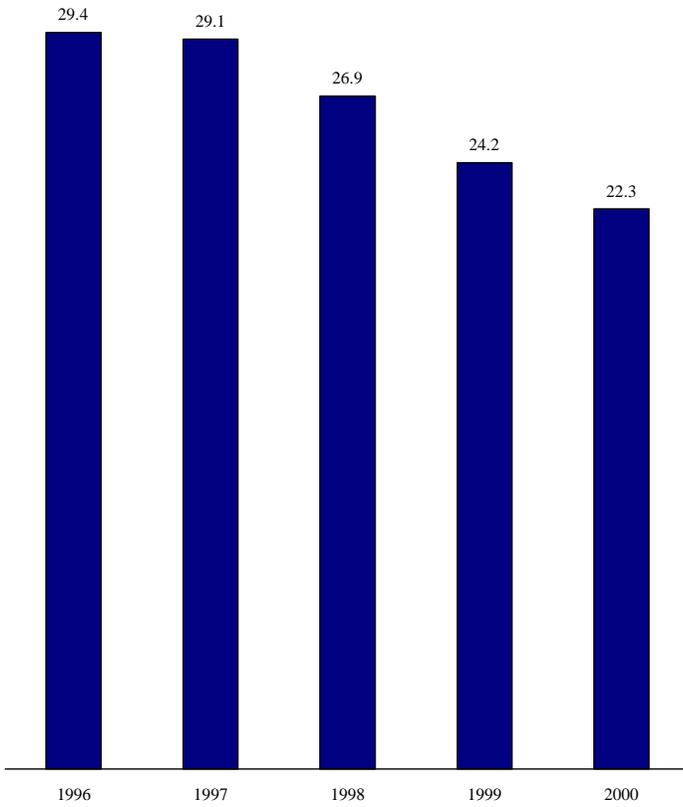
Domestic Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, where the victim to offender relationship is based on marriage, family, a romantic relationship or a former marriage.

Domestic Aggravated Assaults by Year

Year	Number	Percent	Rate
1996	10,993	21.7%	29.4
1997	11,042	21.8%	29.1
1998	10,312	20.3%	26.9
1999	9,402	18.5%	24.2
2000	8,965	17.7%	22.3
Total	50,714	100.0%	26.3

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED, unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Victimization Rate by Year



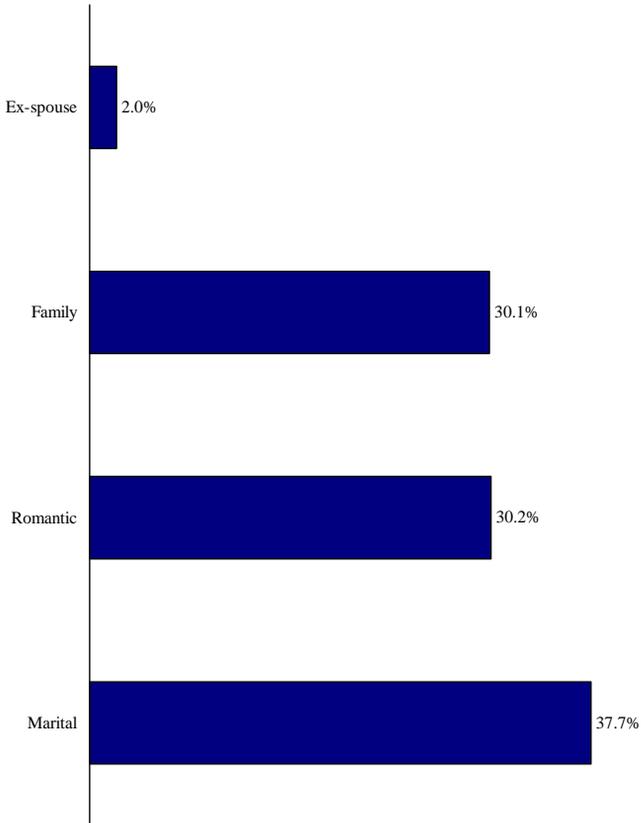
Marital relationships were reported more often than any other victim to offender relationship in domestic aggravated assault.

Domestic Aggravated Assault by Victim to Offender Relationship

Victim was:	Number	Percent
Ex-spouse	1,021	2.0%
Family	15,318	30.1%
Marital	19,240	37.7%
Romantic	15,370	30.2%
Total	50,949	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggravated Assault by Relationship



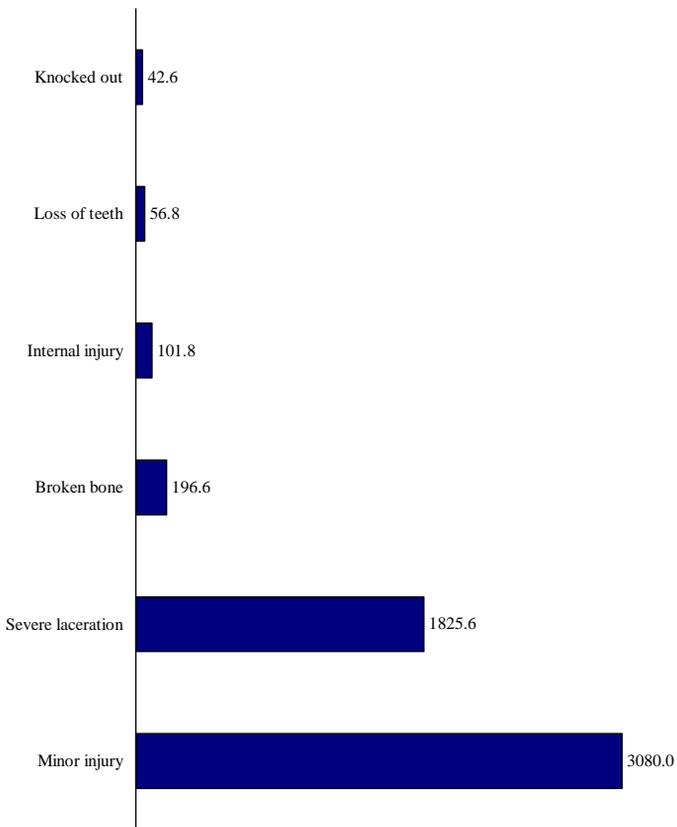
Minor injuries accounted for 58.1% of injuries reported from domestic aggravated assaults. Severe lacerations were the next most frequently reported injury.

Injuries in Domestic Aggravated Assaults

Injury	Number	Percent	Annual Average
Broken bone	983	3.7%	196.6
Internal injury	509	1.9%	101.8
Knocked out	213	0.8%	42.6
Loss of teeth	284	1.1%	56.8
Minor injury	15,400	58.1%	3,080.0
Severe laceration	9,128	34.4%	1,825.6
Total	26,517	100.0%	5,303.4

Note: no injury was reported in 19,243 cases.
 Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Annual Domestic Aggravated Assault Injuries



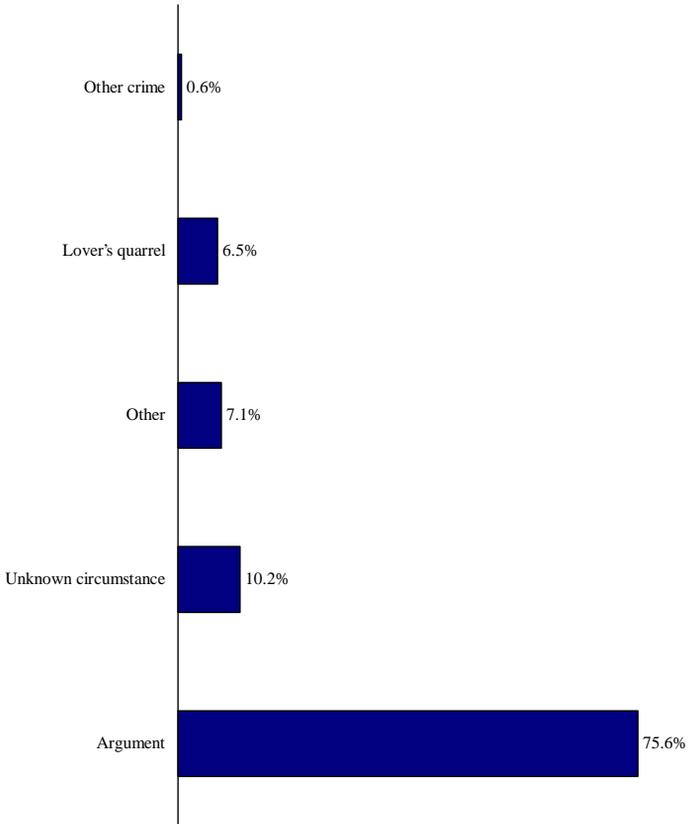
The circumstance reported most often as the cause of domestic aggravated assaults was an argument.

Circumstances in Domestic Aggravated Assault

	Number	Percent
Argument	38,450	75.6%
Lovers quarrel	3,330	6.5%
Other known circumstances	3,610	7.1%
Other serious crime	289	0.6%
Unknown circumstances	5,202	10.2%
Total	50,881	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggrvated Assault Circumstances



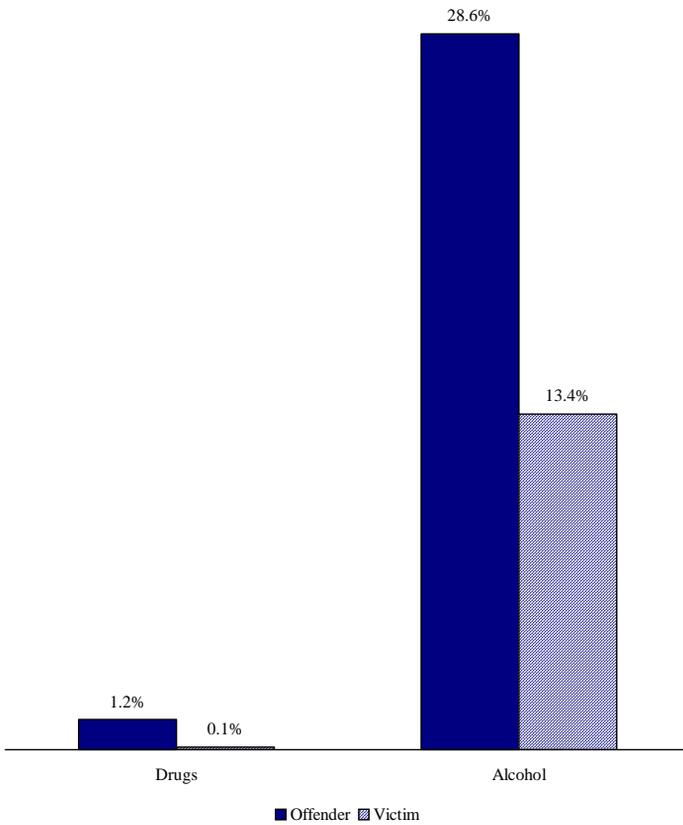
Among domestic aggravated assault offenders, 29.8% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs. Among victims, only 13.5% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs.

Substance Use in Domestic Aggravated Assault

Substance	Offender	Victim
Drugs	1.2%	0.1%
Alcohol	28.6%	13.4%
None reported	70.2%	86.5%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Substance Use in Domestic Aggravated Assault



Personal weapons (hands, feet, fists) were the weapons most often used in domestic aggravated assaults, followed by knives/other cutting instruments and blunt objects. Firearms accounted for 11.9% of the weapons used in domestic aggravated assaults.

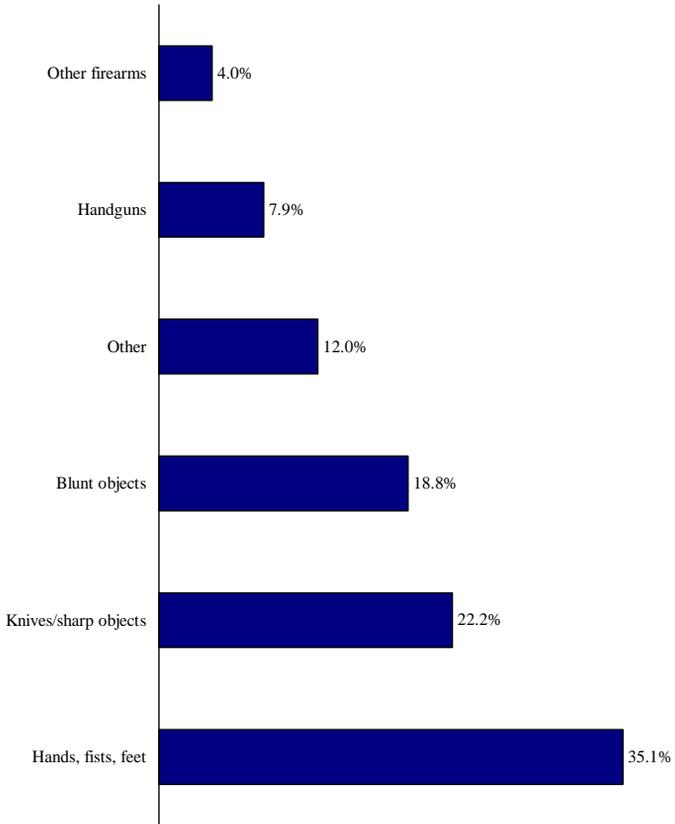
Domestic Aggravated Assaults by Weapon

Weapon	Number	Percent
Blunt objects	11,066	18.8%
Handguns	4,643	7.9%
Hands, fists, feet	20,609	35.1%
Knives/sharp objects	13,029	22.2%
Other firearms	2,358	4.0%
Other weapons	7,051	12.0%
Total	58,756	100.0%

Notes: SCIBRS allows for up to three weapons to be reported per incident.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggravated Assault by Weapon



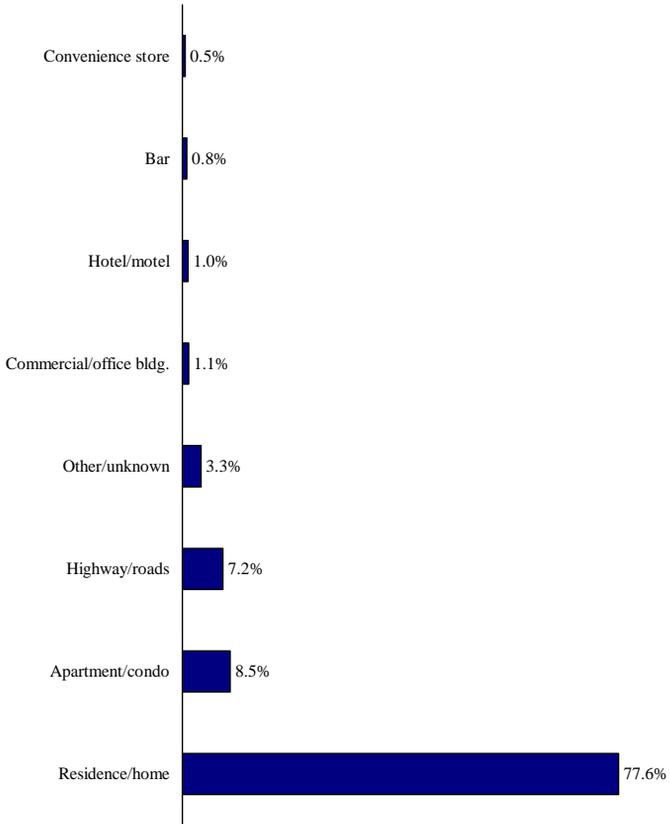
Residence or home was the most frequently reported location for domestic aggravated assault.

Domestic Aggravated Assault by Location

Location	Number	Percent
Apartment/condo	4,309	8.5%
Bar	416	0.8%
Commercial/office bldg.	542	1.1%
Convenience store	243	0.5%
Highway/roads	3,640	7.2%
Hotel/motel	522	1.0%
Other/unknown	1,670	3.3%
Residence/home	39,372	77.6%
Total	50,714	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggravated Assault by Location



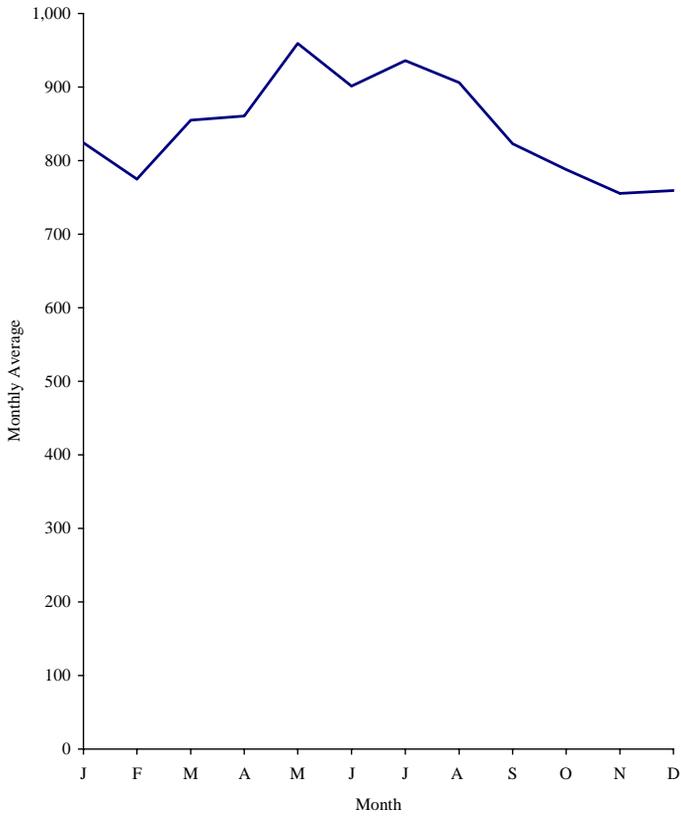
More domestic aggravated assaults were reported in May than any other month. The fewest domestic aggravated assaults were reported in November.

Domestic Aggravated Assault by Month

Month	Number	Percent	Monthly Average
January	4,122	8.1%	824.4
February	3,875	7.6%	775.0
March	4,274	8.4%	854.8
April	4,303	8.5%	860.6
May	4,797	9.5%	959.4
June	4,506	8.9%	901.2
July	4,681	9.2%	936.2
August	4,530	8.9%	906.0
September	4,114	8.1%	822.8
October	3,940	7.8%	788.0
November	3,777	7.5%	755.4
December	3,795	7.5%	759.0
Total	50,714	100.0%	845.2

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggrvated Assault by Month



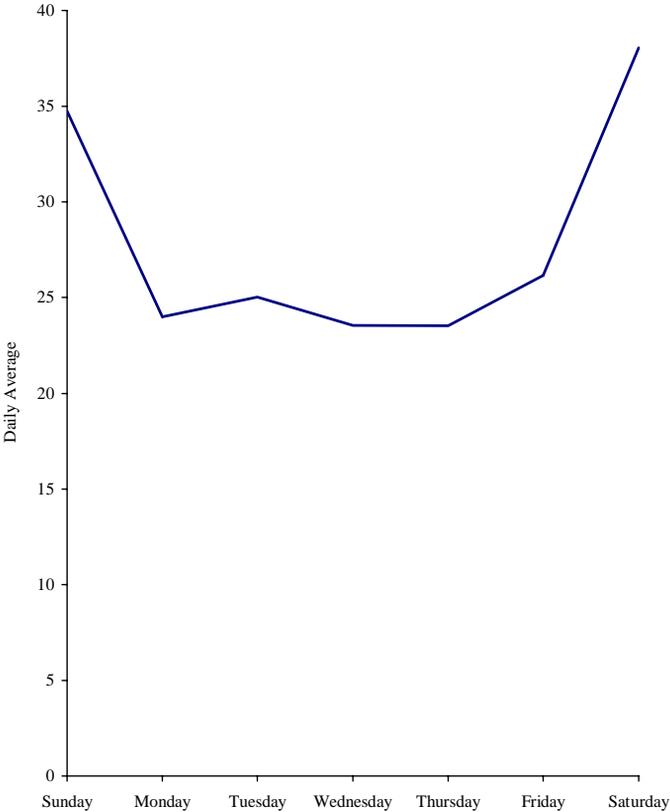
More domestic aggravated assaults were reported on Saturday than any other day of the week. The fewest were reported on Thursday.

Domestic Aggravated Assaults by Day of Week

Day	Number	Percent	Daily Average
Sunday	9,036	17.8%	34.8
Monday	6,238	12.3%	24.0
Tuesday	6,508	12.8%	25.0
Wednesday	6,121	12.1%	23.5
Thursday	6,116	12.1%	23.5
Friday	6,801	13.4%	26.2
Saturday	9,894	19.5%	38.1
Total	50,714	100.0%	27.8

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggravated Assault by Day of Week



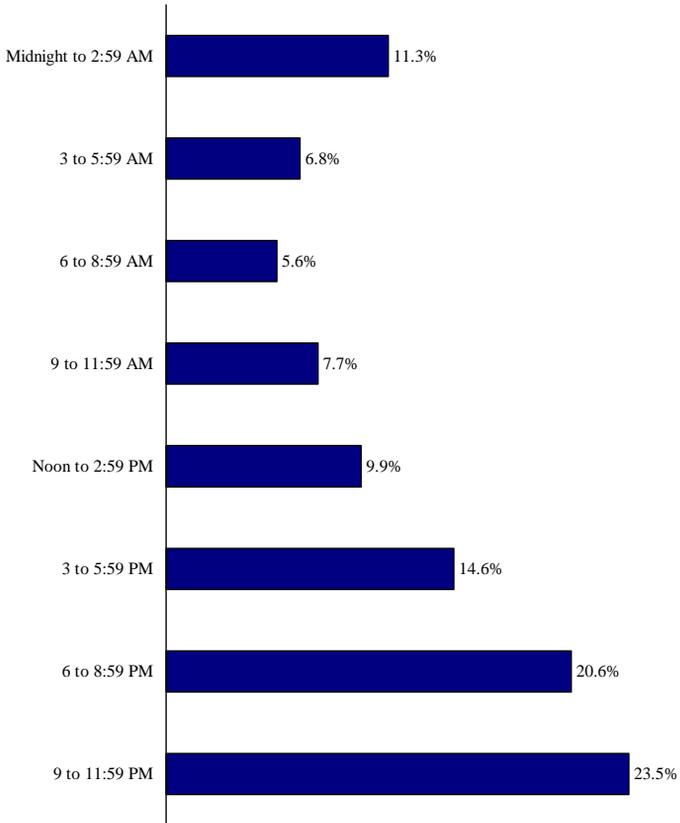
More domestic aggravated assaults were reported from 9:00 PM to 11:59 PM than any other time period.

Domestic Aggravated Assaults by Time of Day

Time period	Number	Percent
Midnight to 2:59 AM	5,386	11.3%
3:00 to 5:59 AM	3,249	6.8%
6:00 to 8:59 AM	2,682	5.6%
9:00 to 11:59 AM	3,710	7.7%
Noon to 2:59 PM	4,734	9.9%
3:00 to 5:59 PM	6,982	14.6%
6:00 to 8:59 PM	9,823	20.6%
9:00 to 11:59 PM	11,222	23.5%
Total	47,788	100.0%

Note: 2,926 cases were missing time data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggravated Assault by Time of Day



The mean age for domestic aggravated assault victims was 31.9 and the median age was 31. The highest victimization rate was reported among the 22 through 24 age group.

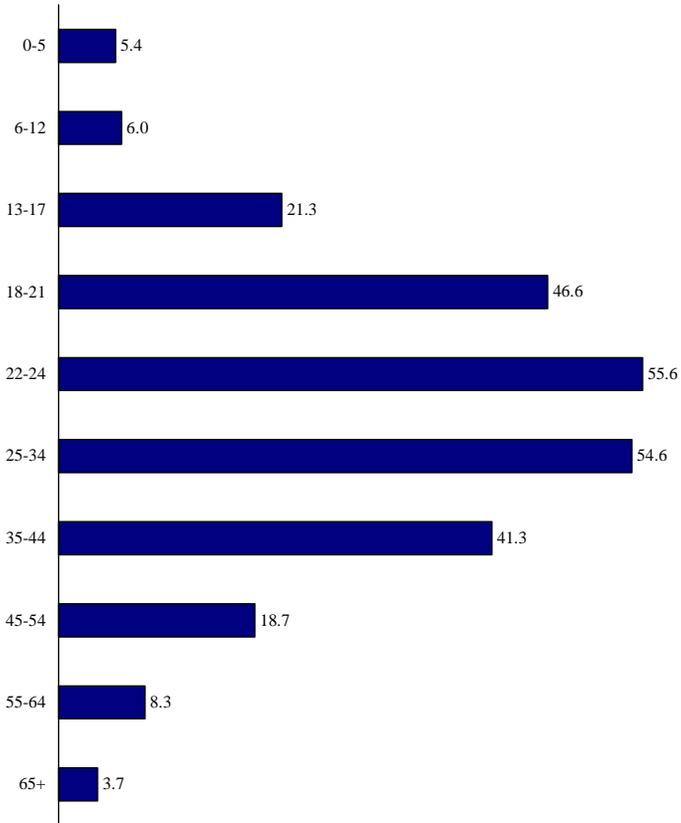
Victims of Domestic Aggravated Assault by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
5 and younger	843	1.7%	5.4
6 through 12	1,148	2.3%	6.0
13 through 17	2,931	5.9%	21.3
18 through 21	5,257	10.5%	46.6
22 through 24	4,505	9.0%	55.6
25 through 34	15,465	31.0%	54.6
35 through 44	12,730	25.5%	41.3
45 through 54	4,753	9.5%	18.7
55 through 64	1,398	2.8%	8.3
65and older	873	1.8%	3.7

Note: 811 cases missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Victimization Rate by Age



Females accounted for 64.2% of domestic aggravated assault victims. The domestic aggravated assault victimization rate for females was 1.7 times higher than the rate for males.

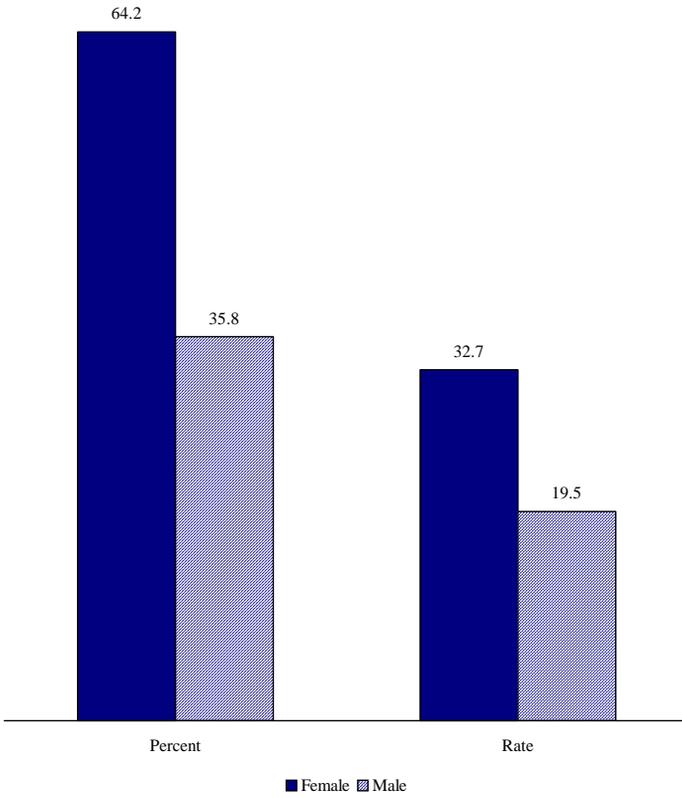
Victims of Domestic Aggravated Assault by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	32,554	64.2%	32.7
Male	18,149	35.8%	19.5

Note: 11 cases were of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Victims by Sex



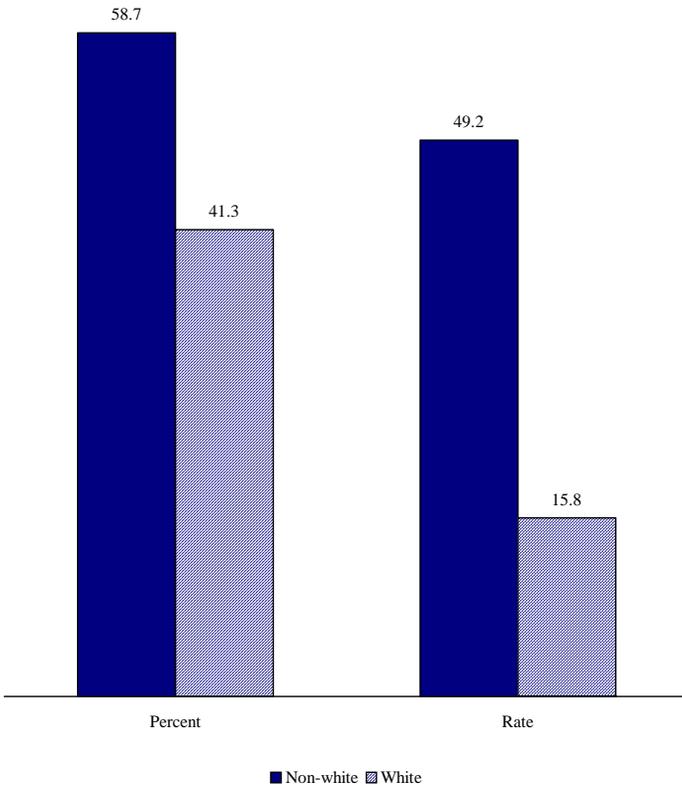
The victimization rate for domestic aggravated assault against non-whites was 3.1 times higher than the rate for whites.

Victims of Domestic Aggravated Assault by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	29,773	58.7%	49.2
White	20,909	41.3%	15.8

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Victims by Race



Non-white females had the highest domestic aggravated assault victimization rate, followed by non-white males, white females and white males.

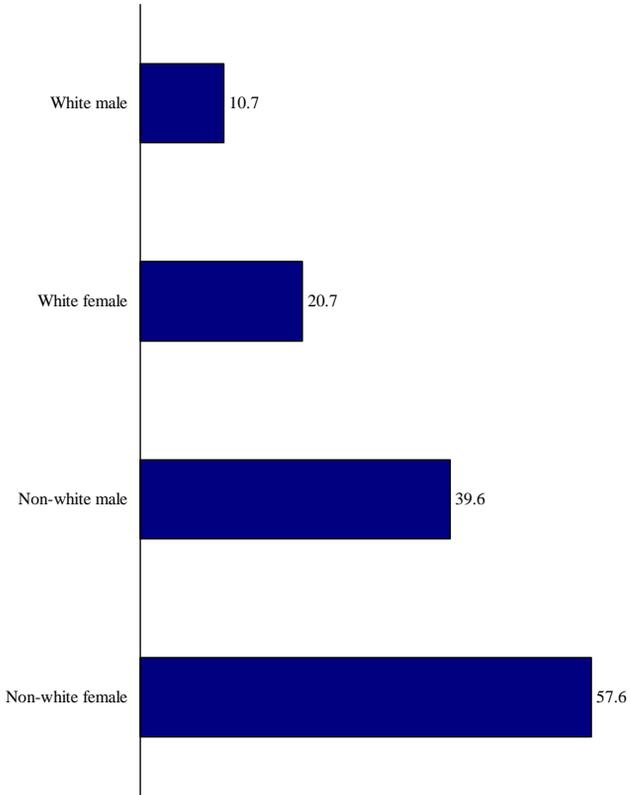
Victims of Domestic Aggravated Assault by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	18,562	36.6%	57.6
Non-white male	11,210	22.1%	39.6
White female	13,980	27.6%	20.7
White male	6,929	13.7%	10.7

Note: 33 cases of unknown sex and/or race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Victimization Rates by Race/Sex



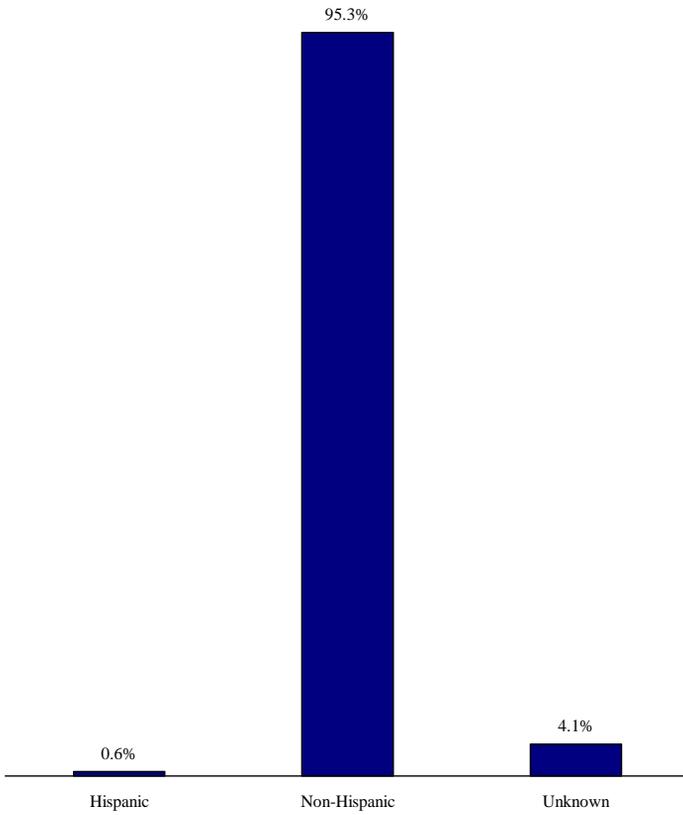
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of reported domestic aggravated assault victims.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	284	0.6%
Non-Hispanic	48,371	95.3%
Unknown	2,059	4.1%
Total	50,714	100.0%

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Victims by Ethnicity



The mean age for domestic aggravated assault offenders was 32.6 and the median age was 32. The 25 to 34 age group accounted for 31.9% of offenders.

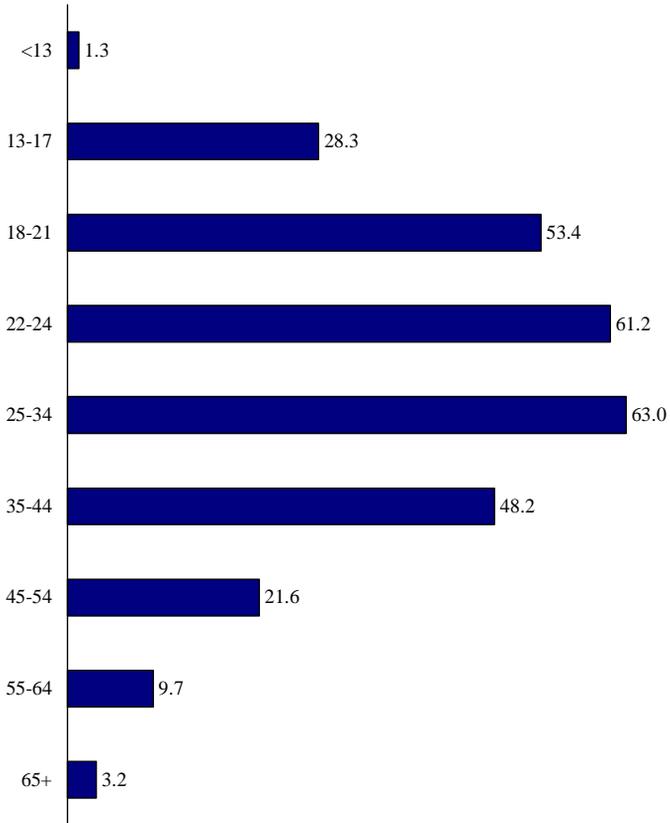
Domestic Aggravated Assault Offenders by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
12 and younger	445	0.8%	1.3
13 through 17	3,901	7.0%	28.3
18 through 21	6,023	10.8%	53.4
22 through 24	4,955	8.9%	61.2
25 through 34	17,839	31.9%	63.0
35 through 44	14,848	26.5%	48.2
45 through 54	5,498	9.8%	21.6
55 through 64	1,639	2.9%	9.7
65 and older	760	1.4%	3.2

Note: 2,863 cases missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Offender Rates by Age



Males accounted for 70.8% of domestic aggravated assault offenders. The domestic aggravated assault offender rate for males was 2.6 times higher than the rate for females.

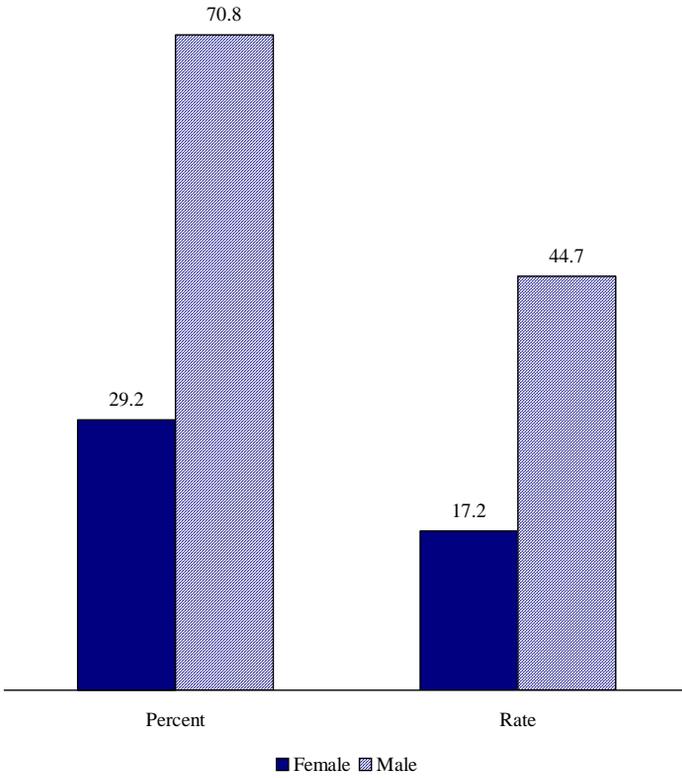
Domestic Aggravated Assault Offenders by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	17,155	29.2%	17.2
Male	41,606	70.8%	44.7

Note: 10 cases with unknown sex data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Offenders by Sex



The domestic aggravated assault offender rate for non-whites was 3.5 times higher than the rate for whites.

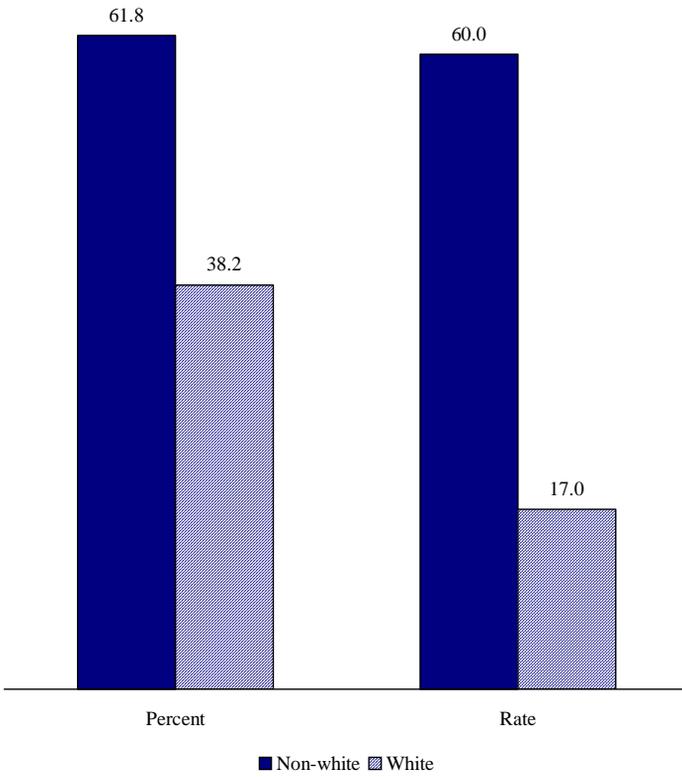
Domestic Aggravated Assault Offenders by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	36,288	61.8%	60.0
White	22,425	38.2%	17.0

Note: 58 cases with unknown race data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Offenders by Race



The highest domestic aggravated assault offender rate was reported among non-white males, followed by non-white females, white males and white females.

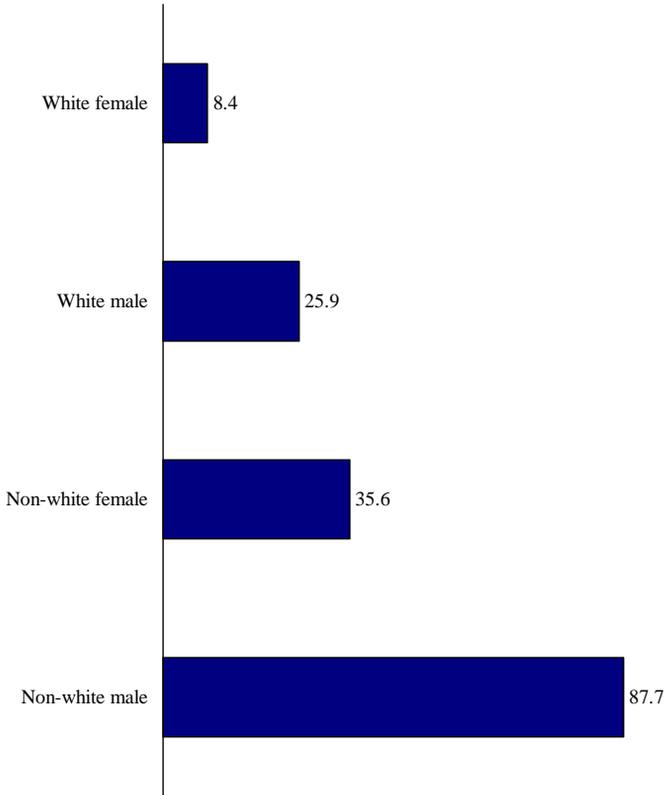
Domestic Aggravated Assault Offenders by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	11,452	19.5%	35.6
Non-white male	24,835	42.3%	87.7
White female	5,684	9.7%	8.4
White male	16,741	28.5%	25.9

Note: 59 cases with unknown race or sex data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Offender Rates by Race/Sex



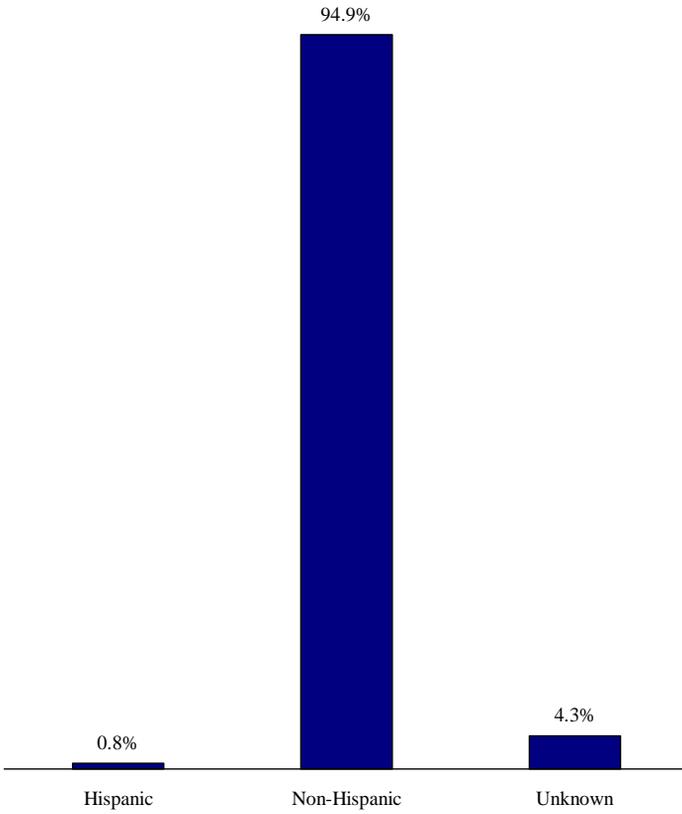
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of domestic aggravated assault offenders, while 4.3% of the total were reported to be of unknown ethnicity. The remaining 94.9% were Non-Hispanic.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Offenders by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	448	0.8%
Non-Hispanic	55,802	94.9%
Unknown	2,521	4.3%
Total	58,771	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Aggravated Assault Offenders by Ethnicity



**DOMESTIC SIMPLE ASSAULT &
INTIMIDATION**

There were 102.9 domestic simple assault and intimidation offenses per 10,000 people in South Carolina from 1996 through 2000.

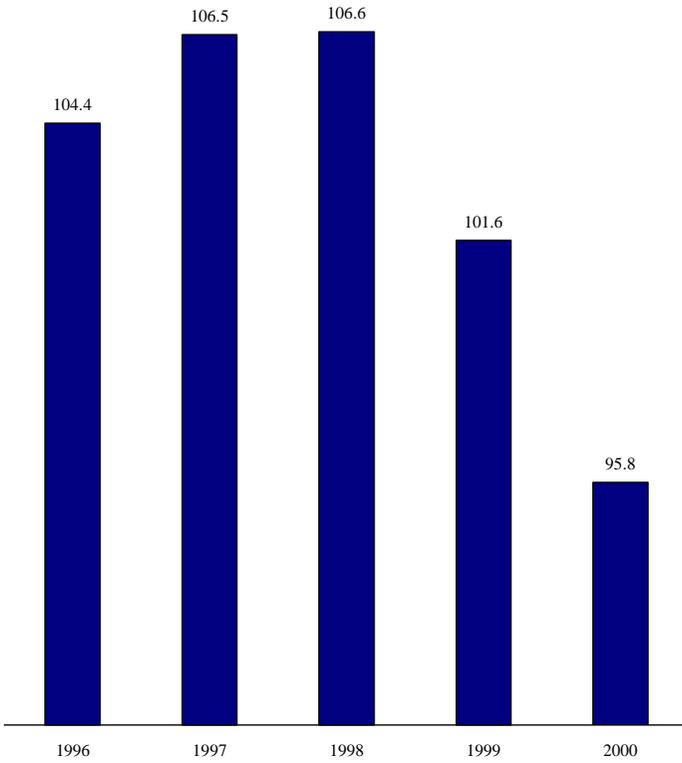
Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation: An unlawful attack where the offender does not display a weapon and the victim does not suffer severe or aggravated bodily injury (simple assault), or to unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through words or conduct without displaying a weapon or attacking the victim (intimidation), where the victim to offender relationship is based on marriage, family, a romantic relationship or a former marriage.

**Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victims by
Year**

Year	Number	Percent	Rate
1996	39,039	19.7%	104.4
1997	40,373	20.4%	106.5
1998	40,920	20.6%	106.6
1999	39,486	19.9%	101.6
2000	38,439	19.4%	95.8
Total	198,257	100.0%	102.9

Sources: SCIRBS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

**Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victimization
Rate by Year**



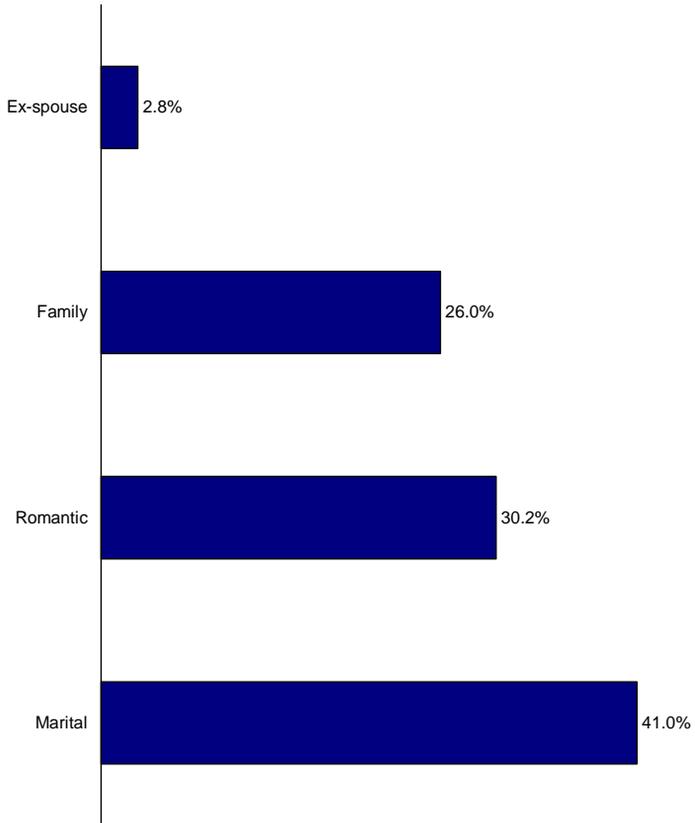
Marital relationships were reported more often than any other victim to offender relationship in domestic simple assault/intimidation.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Victim to Offender Relationship

Victim was:	Number	Percent
Ex-spouse	5,652	2.8%
Family	52,479	26.0%
Marital	82,883	41.0%
Romantic	61,078	30.2%
Total	202,092	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Relationship



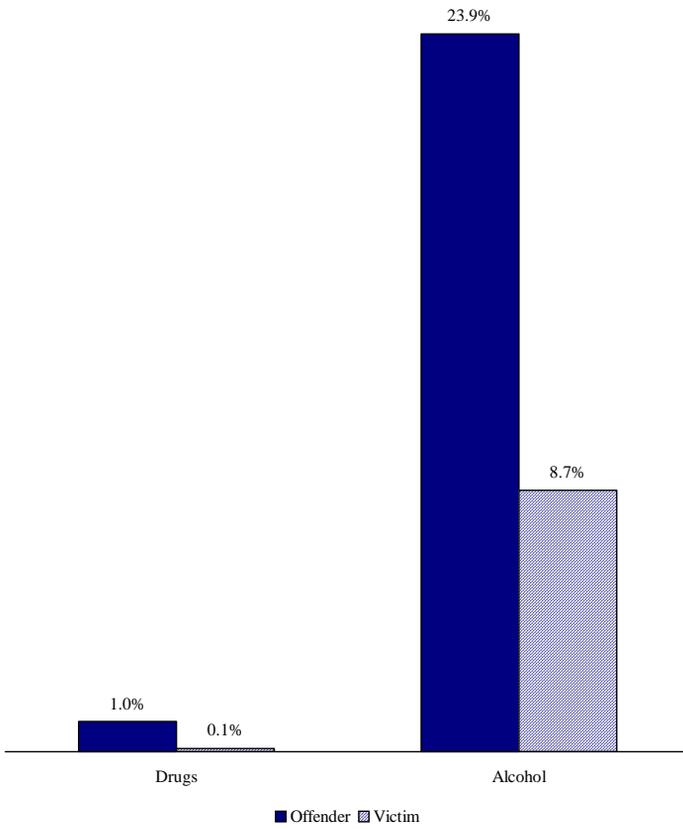
Among domestic simple assault/intimidation offenders, 24.9% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs. Among victims, 8.8% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs.

Substance Use in Domestic Aggravated Assault

Substance	Offender	Victim
Drugs	1.0%	0.1%
Alcohol	23.9%	8.7%
None reported	75.1%	91.2%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Substance Use in Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation



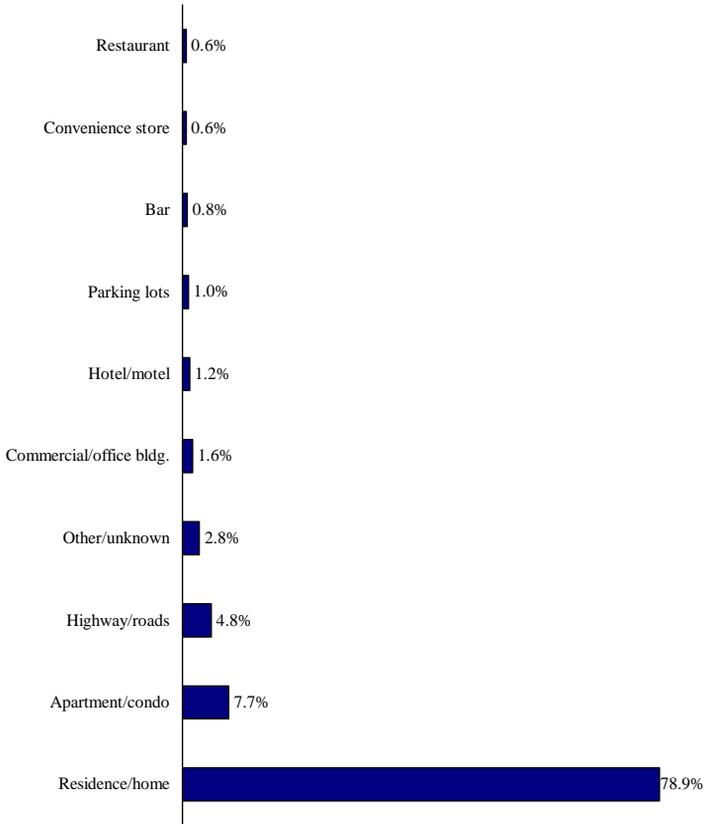
Residence or home accounted for 78.9% of domestic simple assault/intimidation offense locations.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Location

Location	Number	Percent
Apartment/condo	15,224	7.7%
Bar	1,571	0.8%
Commercial/office bldg.	3,254	1.6%
Convenience store	1,245	0.6%
Highway/roads	9,488	4.8%
Hotel/motel	2,359	1.2%
Other/unknown	5,464	2.8%
Parking lots	1,929	1.0%
Residence/home	156,526	78.9%
Restaurant	1,197	0.6%
Total	198,257	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Location



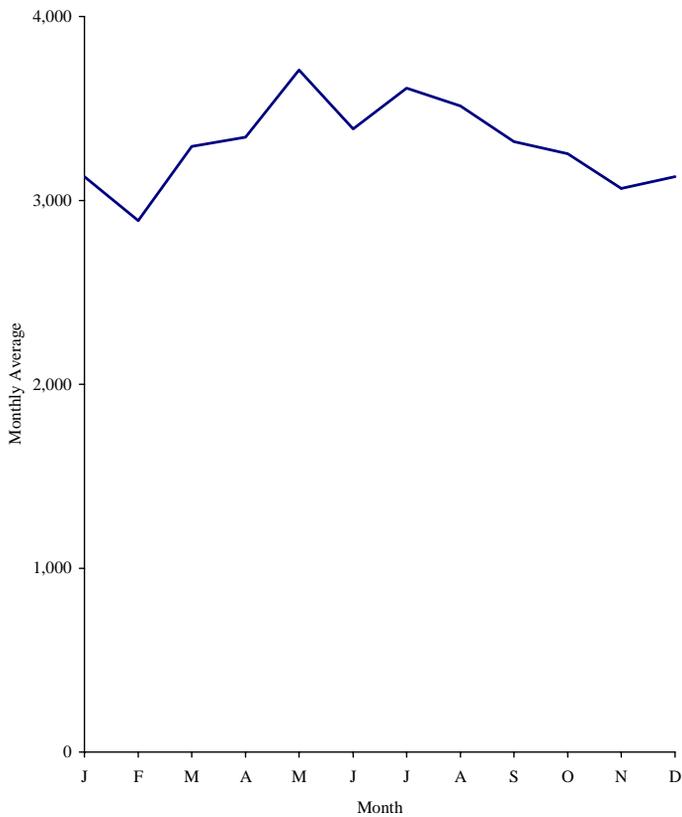
More domestic simple assault/intimidation was reported in May than any other month.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Month

Month	Number	Percent	Monthly Average
January	15,647	7.9%	3,129.4
February	14,454	7.3%	2,890.8
March	16,471	8.3%	3,294.2
April	16,727	8.4%	3,345.4
May	18,544	9.4%	3,708.8
June	16,946	8.5%	3,389.2
July	18,059	9.1%	3,611.8
August	17,568	8.9%	3,513.6
September	16,604	8.4%	3,320.8
October	16,268	8.2%	3,253.6
November	15,320	7.7%	3,064.0
December	15,646	7.9%	3,129.2
Total	198,254	100.0%	3,304.2

Note: 3 cases missing month data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Month



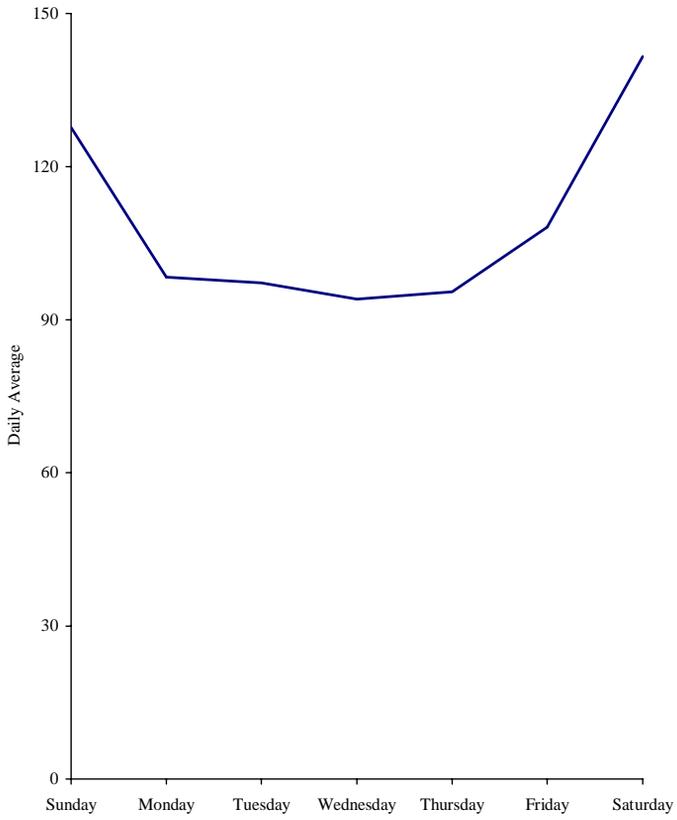
More domestic simple assault and intimidation was reported on Saturday than any other day of the week.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Day of Week

Day	Number	Percent	Daily Average
Sunday	33,199	16.7%	127.7
Monday	25,570	12.9%	98.3
Tuesday	25,282	12.8%	97.2
Wednesday	24,446	12.3%	94.0
Thursday	24,825	12.5%	95.5
Friday	28,114	14.2%	108.1
Saturday	36,821	18.6%	141.6
Total	198,257	100.0%	108.6

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Day of Week



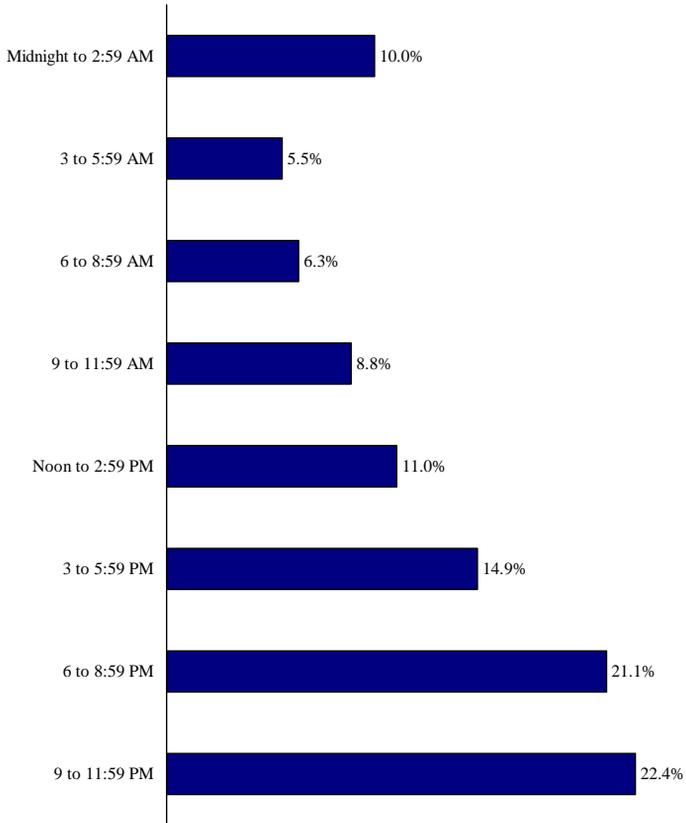
More domestic simple assault/intimidation was reported in the 9:00 PM to 11:59 PM time period than any other time of day.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Time of Day

Time period	Number	Percent
Midnight to 2:59 AM	18,689	10.0%
3:00 to 5:59 AM	10,379	5.5%
6:00 to 8:59 AM	11,876	6.3%
9:00 to 11:59 AM	16,579	8.8%
Noon to 2:59 PM	20,679	11.0%
3:00 to 5:59 PM	27,925	14.9%
6:00 to 8:59 PM	39,525	21.1%
9:00 to 11:59 PM	42,102	22.4%
Total	187,754	100.0%

Note: 10,503 cases missing time data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Time of Day



The mean age of victims of domestic simple assault/intimidation victims was 31.2 and the median age was 30. The 22 through 24 age group experienced the highest domestic simple assault/intimidation victimization rate.

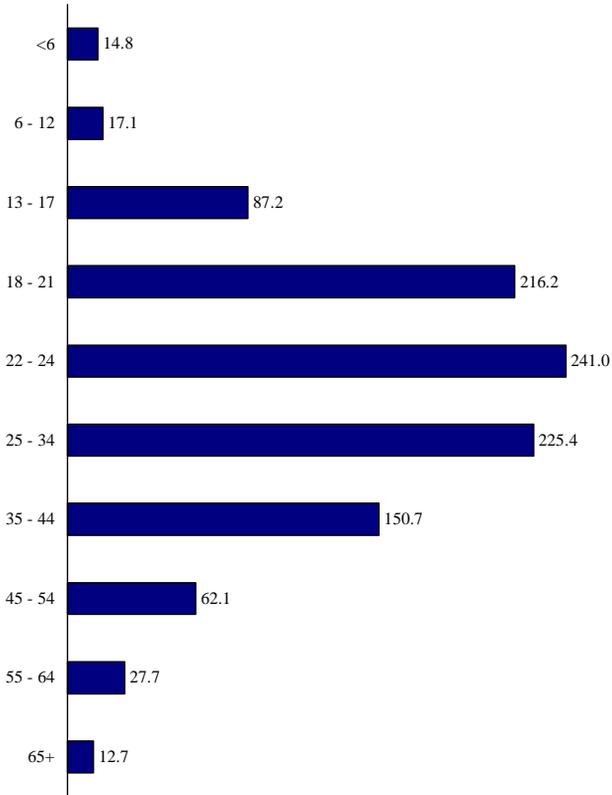
Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victims by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
5 and younger	2,293	1.2%	14.8
6 through 12	3,267	1.7%	17.1
13 through 17	12,004	6.1%	87.2
18 through 21	24,379	12.5%	216.2
22 through 24	19,513	10.0%	241.0
25 through 34	63,802	32.7%	225.4
35 through 44	46,446	23.8%	150.7
45 through 54	15,769	8.1%	62.1
55 through 64	4,693	2.4%	27.7
65 and older	2,962	1.5%	12.7

Note: 3,129 missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

**Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victimization
Rate by Age**



Females accounted for 80.8% of domestic simple assault/intimidation victims. The victimization rate for females was 3.9 times the victimization rate for males.

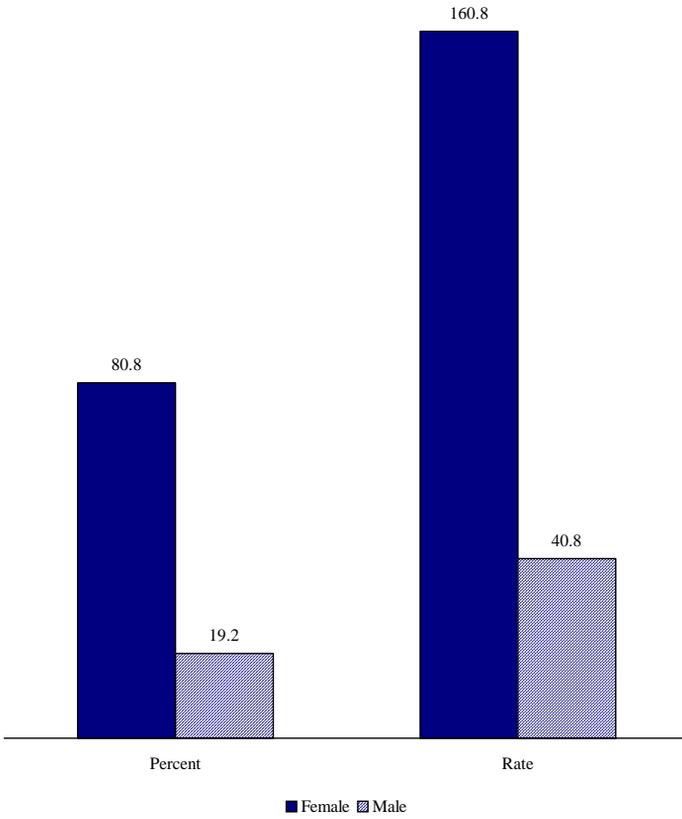
Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	160,218	80.8%	160.8
Male	37,987	19.2%	40.8

Note: 52 cases were of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victims by Sex



Whites accounted for 52.1% of domestic simple assault/intimidation victims. However, the victimization rate for non-whites was 2 times higher than the victimization rate for whites.

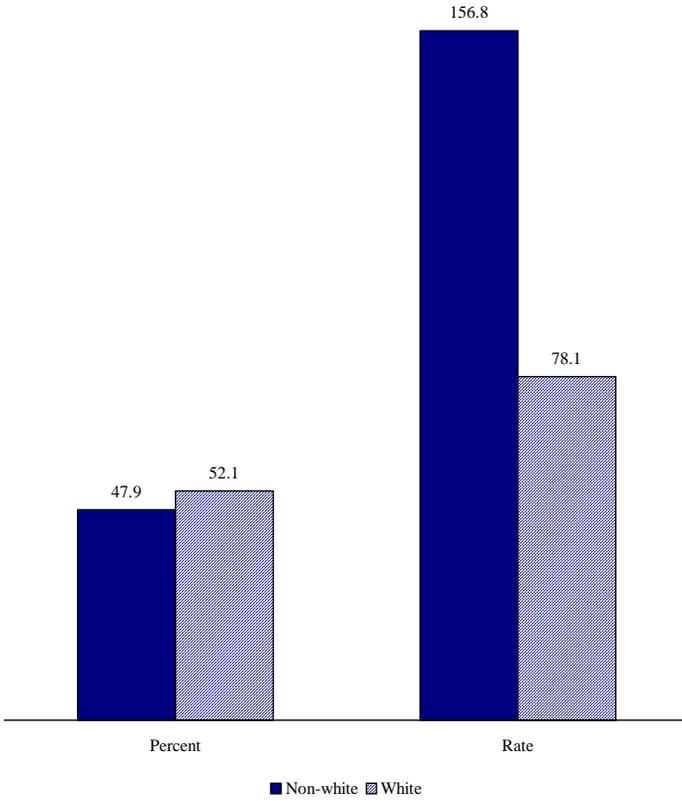
Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation by Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	94,905	47.9%	156.8
White	103,172	52.1%	78.1

Note: 180 cases were of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victims by Race



Non-white females had the highest domestic simple assault/intimidation victimization rate, followed by white females, non-white males and white males.

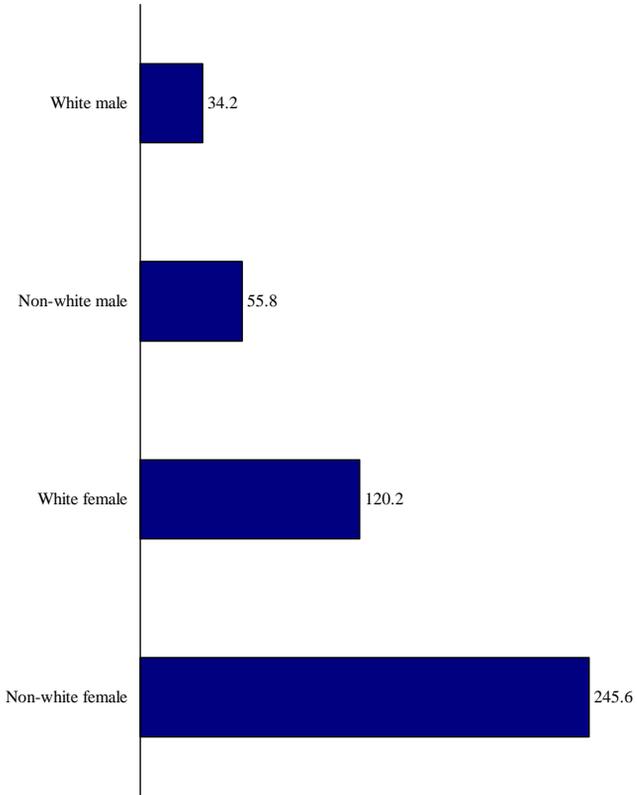
Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victims by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	79,089	39.9%	245.6
Non-white male	15,809	8.0%	55.8
White female	81,027	40.9%	120.2
White male	22,139	11.2%	34.2

Note: 193 were of unknown race and/or sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

**Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victimization
Rate by Race/Sex**



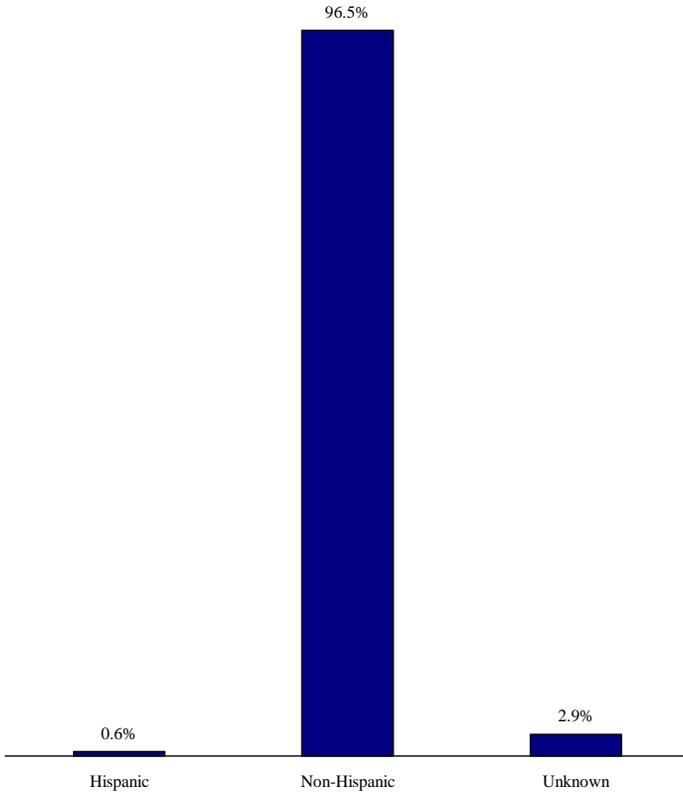
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of domestic simple assault/intimidation victims. Non-Hispanics accounted for 96.5% and 2.9% of the cases were of unknown ethnicity.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	1,148	0.6%
Non-Hispanic	191,390	96.5%
Unknown	5,719	2.9%
Total	198,257	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Victims by Ethnicity



The mean age among domestic simple assault/intimidation offenders was 31.7 years and the median age was 31 years. The highest domestic simple assault/intimidation offender rate was in the 22 through 24 age group.

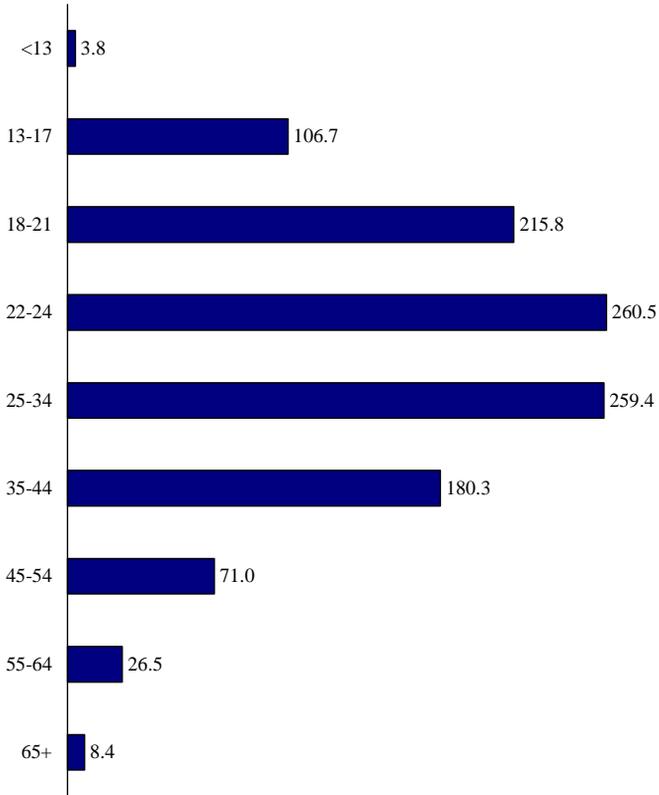
Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offenders by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
12 and younger	1,328	0.6%	3.8
13 through 17	14,698	6.8%	106.7
18 through 21	24,337	11.3%	215.8
22 through 24	21,088	9.8%	260.5
25 through 34	73,442	34.2%	259.4
35 through 44	55,582	25.9%	180.3
45 through 54	18,044	8.4%	71.0
55 through 64	4,496	2.1%	26.5
65 and older	1,959	0.9%	8.4

Note: 9,951 were missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offender Rates by Age



Males accounted for 78.6% of domestic simple assault/intimidation offenders. The domestic simple assault/intimidation offender rate for males was 3.9 times higher than the offender rate for females.

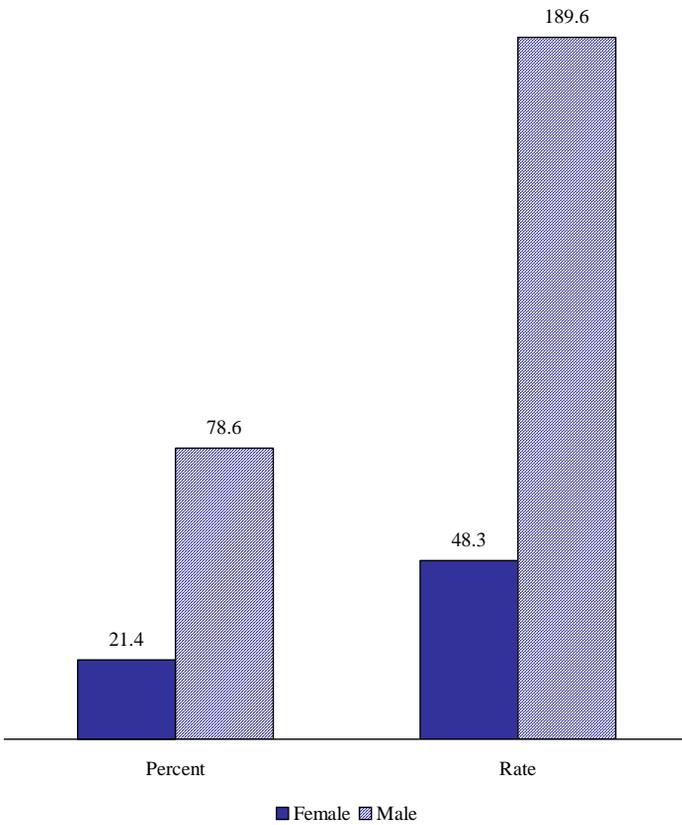
Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offenders by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	48,139	21.4%	48.3
Male	176,354	78.6%	189.6

Note: 32 were of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offenders by Sex



Non-whites accounted for 50.7% of domestic simple assault/intimidation offenders. The domestic simple assault/intimidation offender rate for non-whites was 2.2 times that for whites.

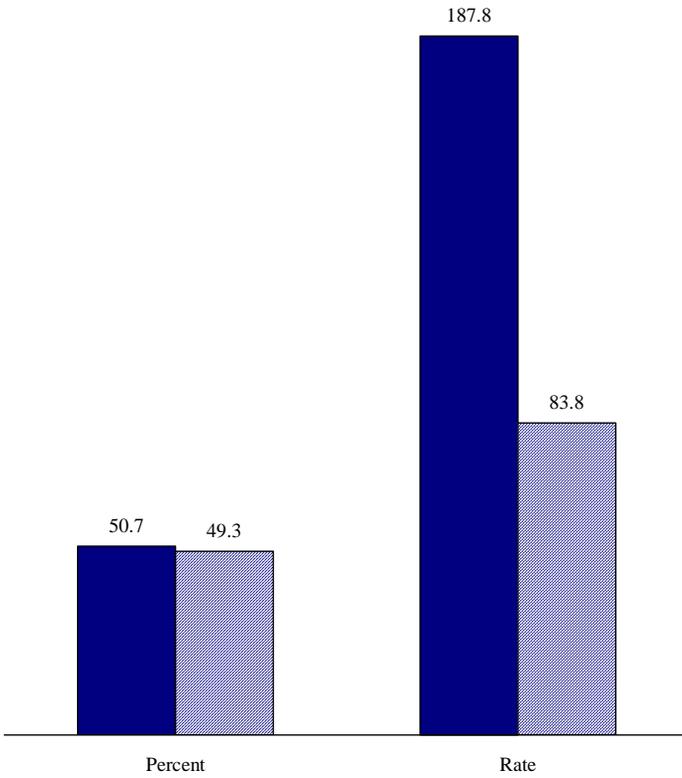
Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offenders by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	113,626	50.7%	187.8
White	110,702	49.3%	83.8

Note: 197 were of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offenders by Race



Non-white males had the highest domestic simple assault/intimidation offender rate, followed by white males, non-white females and white females.

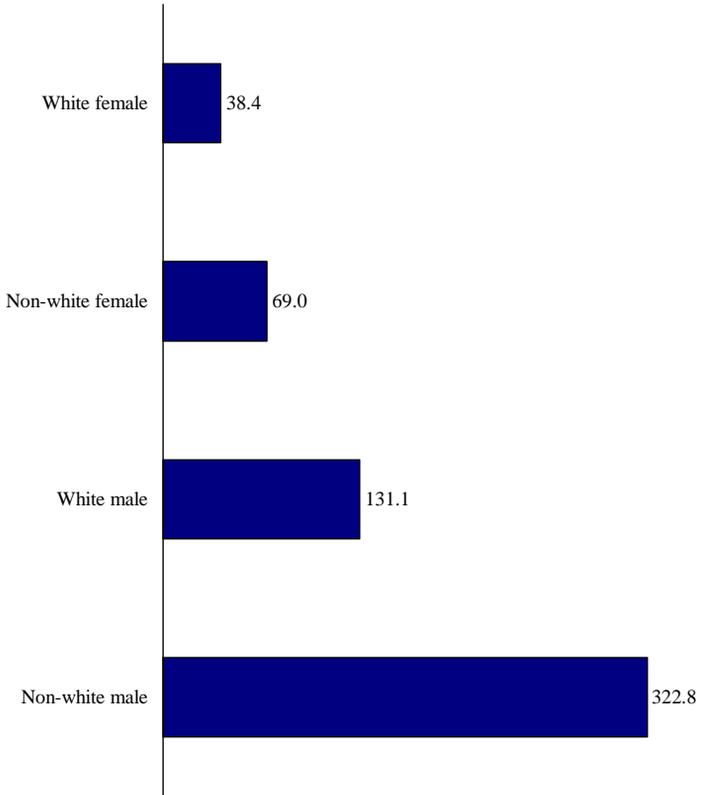
Domestic Simple/Assault Offenders by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	22,219	9.9%	69.0
Non-white male	91,406	40.8%	322.8
White female	25,889	11.5%	38.4
White male	84,813	37.8%	131.1

Note: 198 were of unknown race/sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

**Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offender Rates by
Race/Sex**



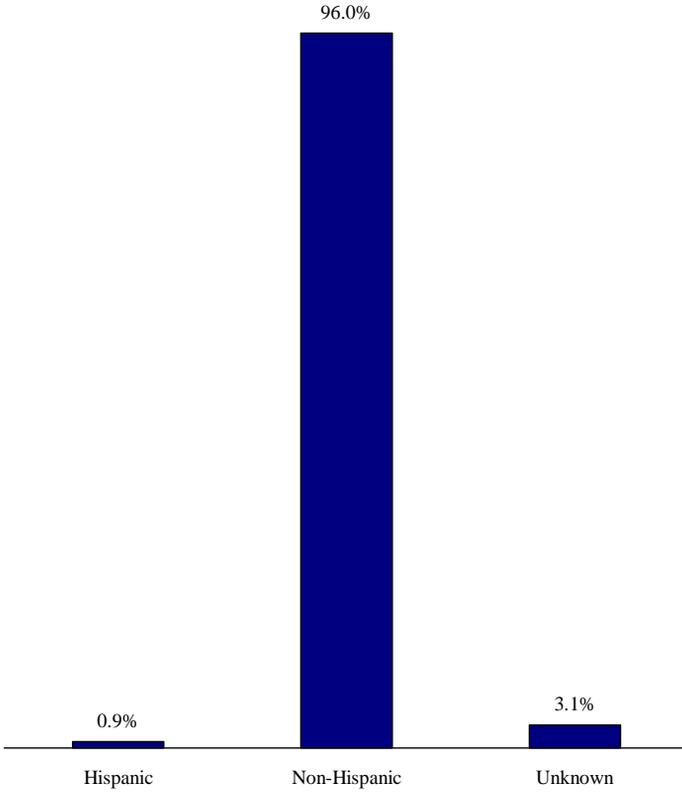
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of domestic simple assault/intimidation offenders, while 3.1% were of unknown ethnicity. Non-Hispanics accounted for 96% of domestic simple assault/intimidation offenders.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offenders by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	1,953	0.9%
Non-Hispanic	215,576	96.0%
Unknown	6,996	3.1%
Total	224,525	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Simple Assault/Intimidation Offenders by Ethnicity



MARITAL VIOLENCE

There were 53.6 victims of marital violence per 10,000 people in South Carolina from 1996 through 2000.

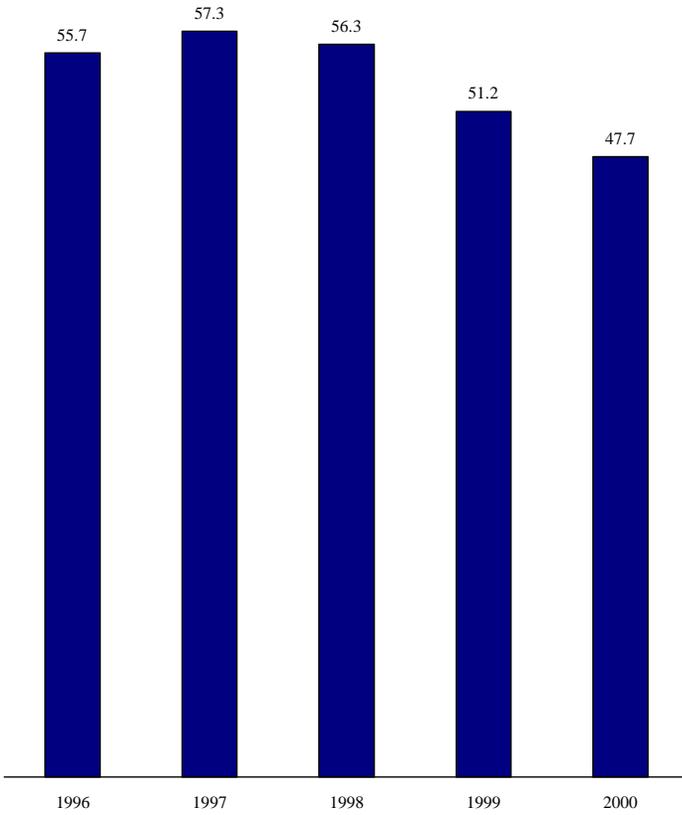
Marital Violence: Includes murder, negligent homicide, justifiable homicide, kidnapping, rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation, where the victim to offender relationship is based on marriage.

Victims of Marital Violence by Year

Year	Number	Percent	Rate
1996	20,815	20.2%	55.7
1997	21,731	21.1%	57.3
1998	21,624	20.9%	56.3
1999	19,892	19.3%	51.2
2000	19,145	18.5%	47.7
Total	103,207	100.0%	53.6

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Victimization Rate by Year



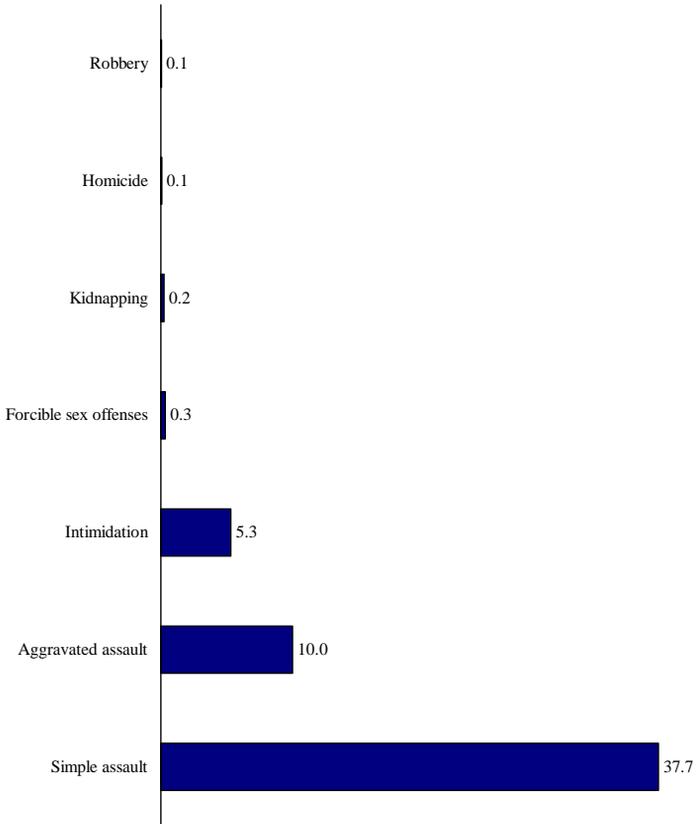
Simple assault accounted for 70.2% of marital violence offenses. There were 171 murders, 1 negligent homicide and 3 justifiable homicides.

Marital Violence by Offense

Offense	Number	Percent
Murder	171	0.2%
Negligent homicide	1	0.0%
Justifiable homicide	3	0.0%
Kidnapping	447	0.4%
Rape	529	0.5%
Forcible sodomy	49	0.0%
Sexual assault w object	34	0.0%
Forcible fondling	38	0.0%
Robbery	118	0.1%
Aggravated assault	19,240	18.6%
Simple assault	72,675	70.2%
Intimidation	10,228	9.9%
Total	103,533	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence Offense Rates



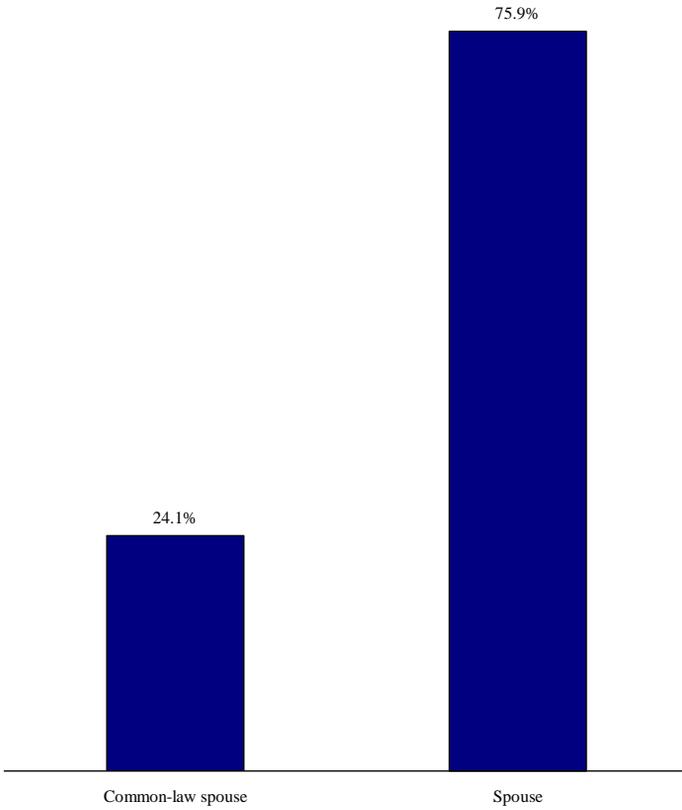
Spouses were more often victims of marital domestic violence than common-law spouses.

Victims of Marital Violence by Victim/Offender Relationship

Victim was:	Number	Percent
Spouse	78,311	75.9%
Common-law spouse	24,902	24.1%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence by Victim/Offender Relationship



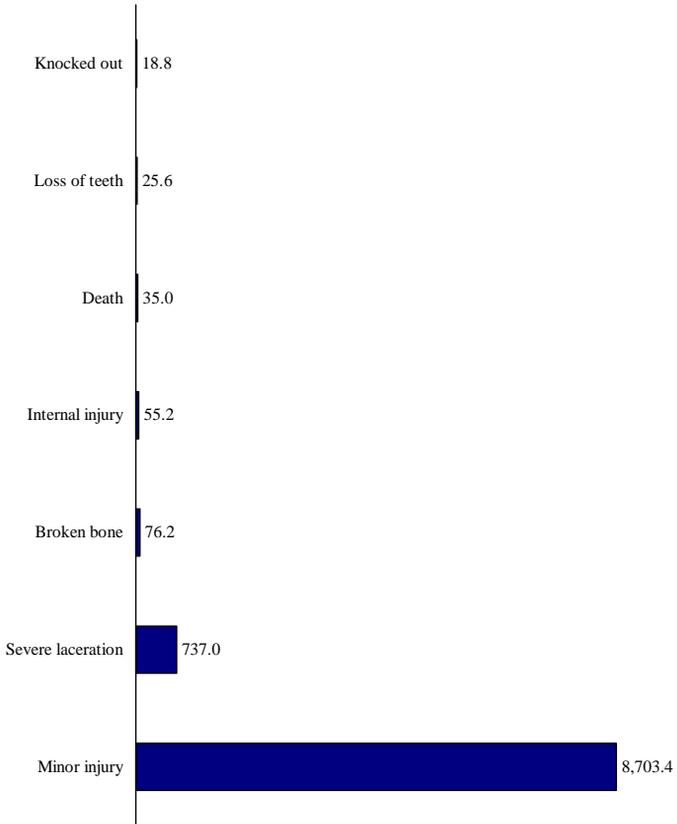
There was an annual average of 9,651.2 injuries resulting from marital violence. The most common injury resulting from marital violence was a minor injury.

Injuries Resulting From Marital Violence

Injury	Number	Percent	Annual Average
Broken bone	381	0.8%	76.2
Death	175	0.4%	35.0
Internal injury	276	0.6%	55.2
Knocked out	94	0.2%	18.8
Loss of teeth	128	0.2%	25.6
Minor injury	43,517	90.2%	8,703.4
Severe laceration	3,685	7.6%	737.0
Total	48,256	100.0%	9,651.2

Note: 42,847 cases reported no injury.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Annual Marital Violence Injuries



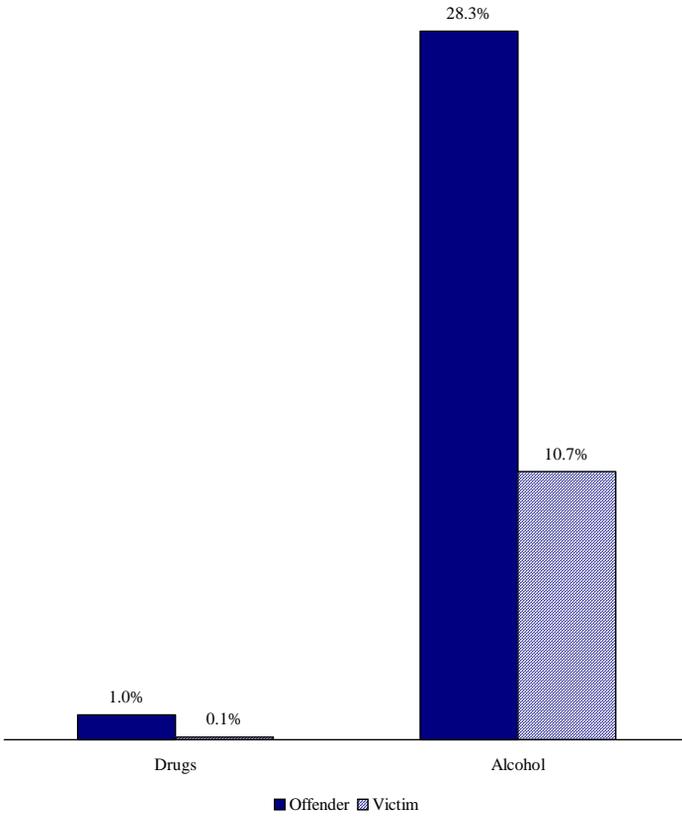
Marital violence offenders were reported to have used alcohol or drugs 29.3% of the time. Among victims, only 10.8% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs.

Substance Use in Marital Violence

Substance	Offender	Victim
Drugs	1.0%	0.1%
Alcohol	28.3%	10.7%
None reported	70.7%	89.2%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Substance Use in Marital Violence



Personal weapons (hands, feet, fists, etc.) accounted for 80.6% of the weapons involved in marital violence. Firearms accounted for 3.3% of weapon involvement.

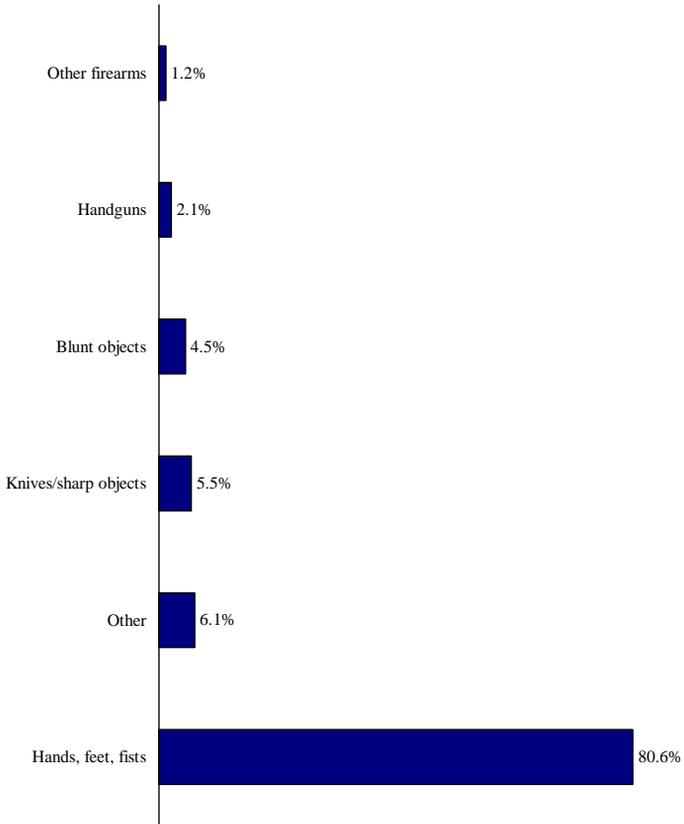
Marital Violence by Weapons

Weapon	Number	Percent
Blunt objects	4,278	4.5%
Handguns	2,015	2.1%
Hands, feet, fists	76,726	80.6%
Knives/sharp objects	5,284	5.5%
Other firearms	1,136	1.2%
Other weapons	5,767	6.1%
Total	95,206	100.0%

Note: SCIBRS allows for up to three weapons to be reported per incident.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence by Weapons



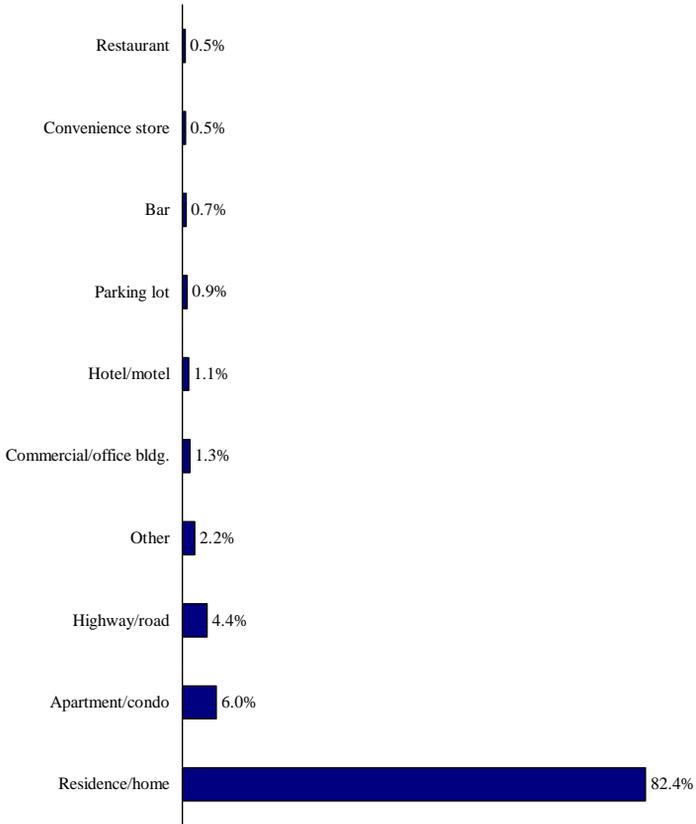
Marital violence occurred most often in the residence or home, accounting for 82.4% of the total.

Marital Violence by Location

Location	Number	Percent
Apartment/condo	6,239	6.0%
Bar	695	0.7%
Commercial/office bldg.	1,365	1.3%
Convenience store	541	0.5%
Highway/road	4,539	4.4%
Hotel/motel	1,111	1.1%
Other	2,254	2.2%
Parking lot	880	0.9%
Residence/home	85,062	82.4%
Restaurant	521	0.5%
Total	103,207	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence by Location



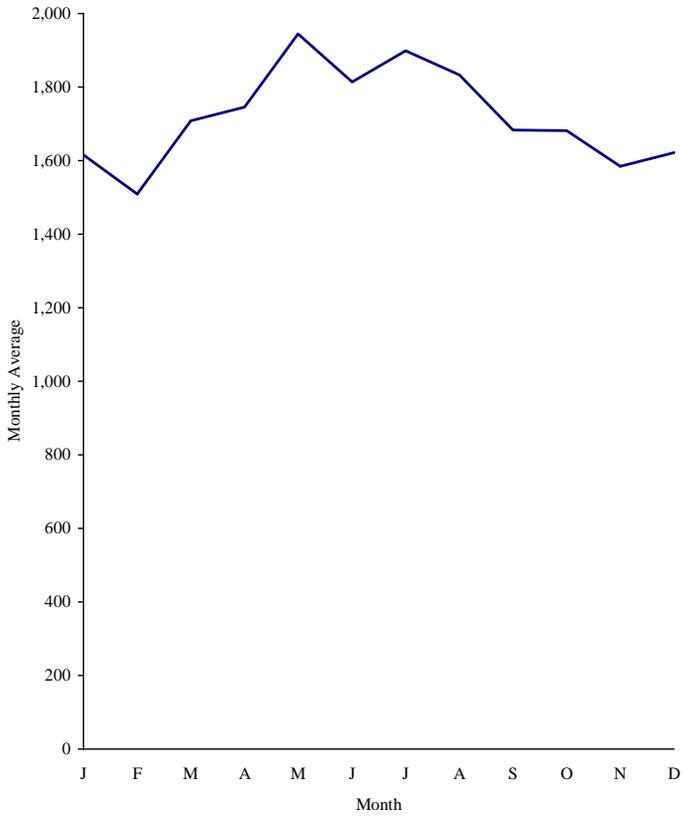
May was the month in which the most marital domestic violence was reported. The least amount of marital domestic violence was reported in February.

Marital Domestic Violence by Month

Month	Number	Percent	Monthly Average
January	8,082	7.8%	1,616.4
February	7,545	7.3%	1,509.0
March	8,540	8.3%	1,708.0
April	8,727	8.5%	1,745.4
May	9,724	9.4%	1,944.8
June	9,071	8.8%	1,814.2
July	9,493	9.2%	1,898.6
August	9,163	8.9%	1,832.6
September	8,420	8.2%	1,684.0
October	8,410	8.1%	1,682.0
November	7,924	7.7%	1,584.8
December	8,108	7.8%	1,621.6
Total	103,207	100.0%	1,720.1

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence by Month



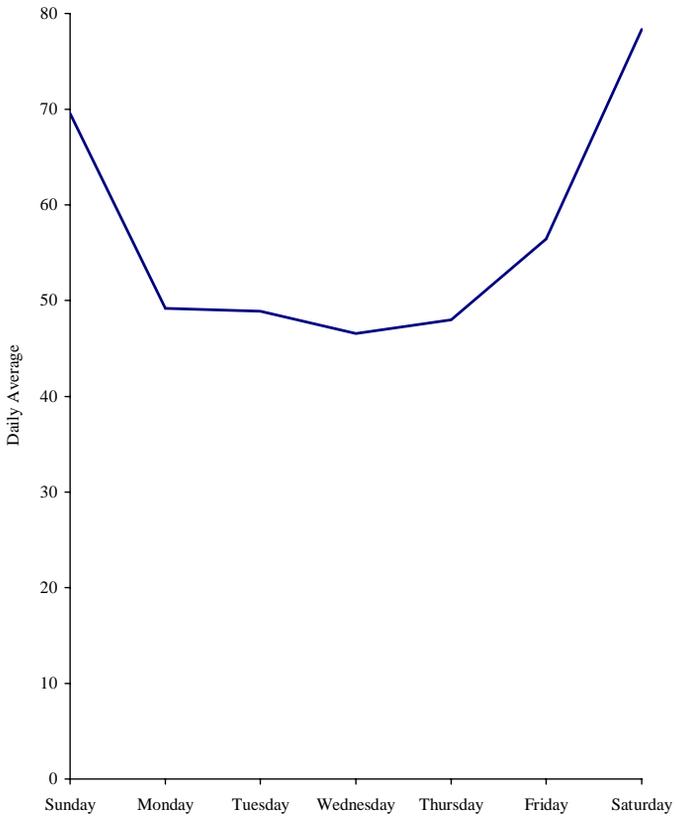
Marital violence occurred most frequently on Saturday.

Marital Violence by Day of Week

Day	Number	Percent	Daily Average
Sunday	18,090	17.5%	69.6
Monday	12,790	12.4%	49.2
Tuesday	12,710	12.3%	48.9
Wednesday	12,102	11.7%	46.5
Thursday	12,479	12.1%	48.0
Friday	14,669	14.2%	56.4
Saturday	20,367	19.7%	78.3
Total	103,207	100.0%	56.6

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence by Day of Week



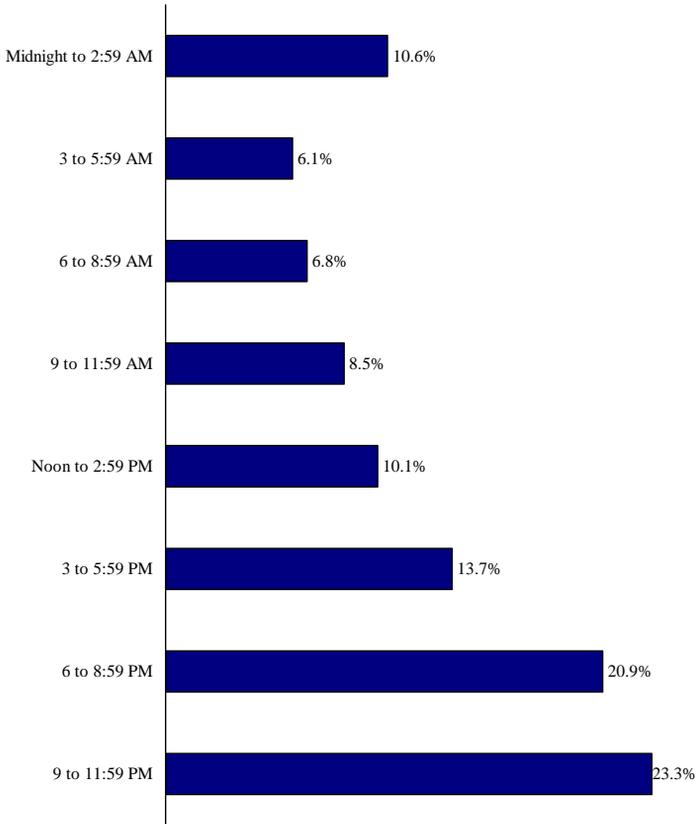
More marital violence was reported during the 9:00 PM to 11:59 PM time period than any other time.

Marital Violence by Time of Day

Time period	Number	Percent
Midnight to 2:59 AM	10,343	10.6%
3:00 to 5:59 AM	5,908	6.1%
6:00 to 8:59 AM	6,581	6.8%
9:00 to 11:59 AM	8,317	8.5%
Noon to 2:59 PM	9,876	10.1%
3:00 to 5:59 PM	13,340	13.7%
6:00 to 8:59 PM	20,361	20.9%
9:00 to 11:59 PM	22,650	23.3%
Total	97,376	100.0%

Note: 5,831 cases missing time data.
Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence by Time of Day



The mean age for marital violence victims was 33.2 and the median age was 32. The 25 through 34 age group had the highest marital violence victimization rate.

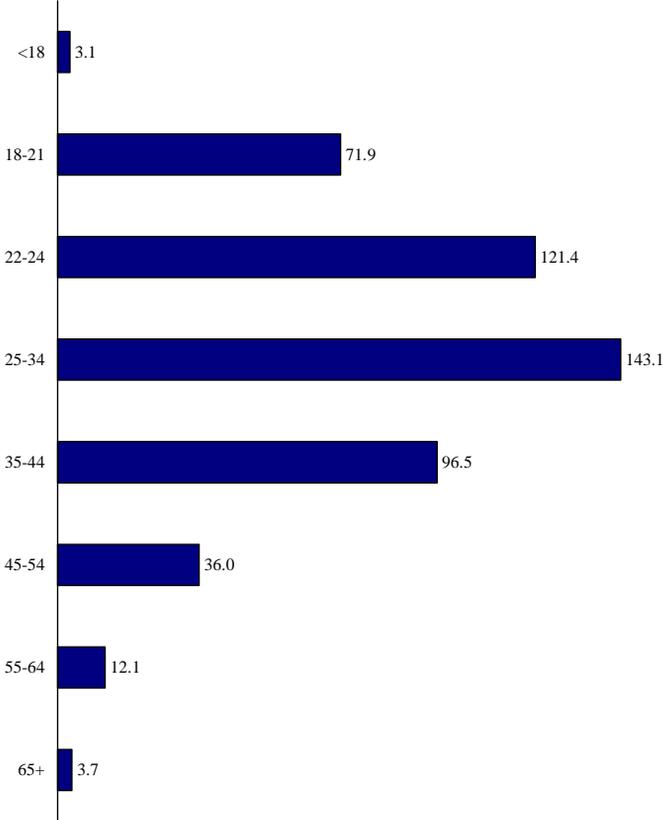
Marital Violence Victims by Age

Age group	Number	Percent	Rate
17 and younger	1,502	1.5%	3.1
18 through 21	8,108	8.0%	71.9
22 through 24	9,829	9.7%	121.4
25 through 34	40,515	39.8%	143.1
35 through 44	29,738	29.2%	96.5
45 through 54	9,152	9.0%	36.0
55 through 64	2,054	2.0%	12.1
65 and older	854	0.8%	3.7

Note: 1,455 missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Victimization Rate by Age



The marital violence victimization rate for females was 4.6 times higher than the rate for males.

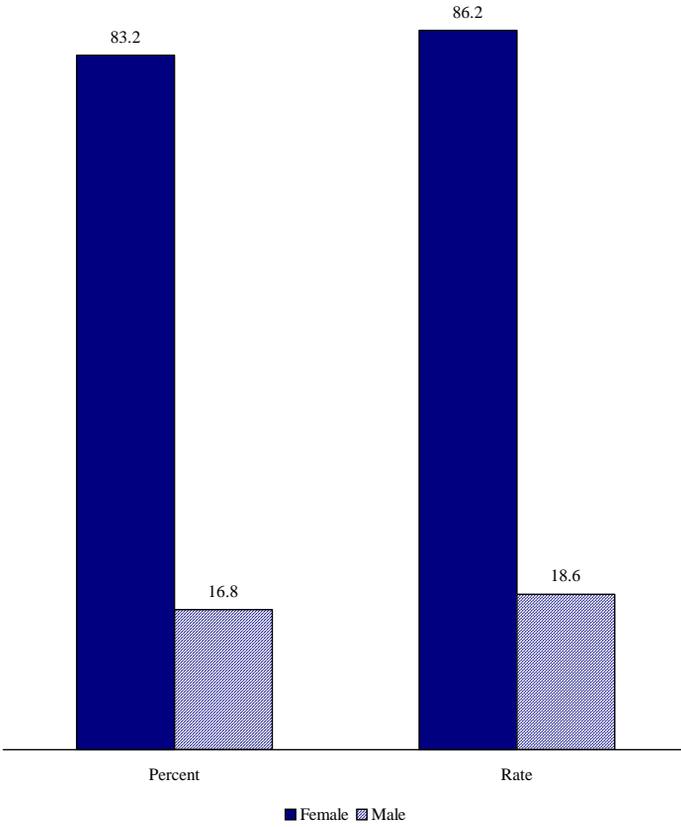
Victims of Marital Violence by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	85,874	83.2%	86.2
Male	17,315	16.8%	18.6

Note: 18 were of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Victims by Sex



The marital violence rate for non-whites was 1.7 times higher than the rate for whites.

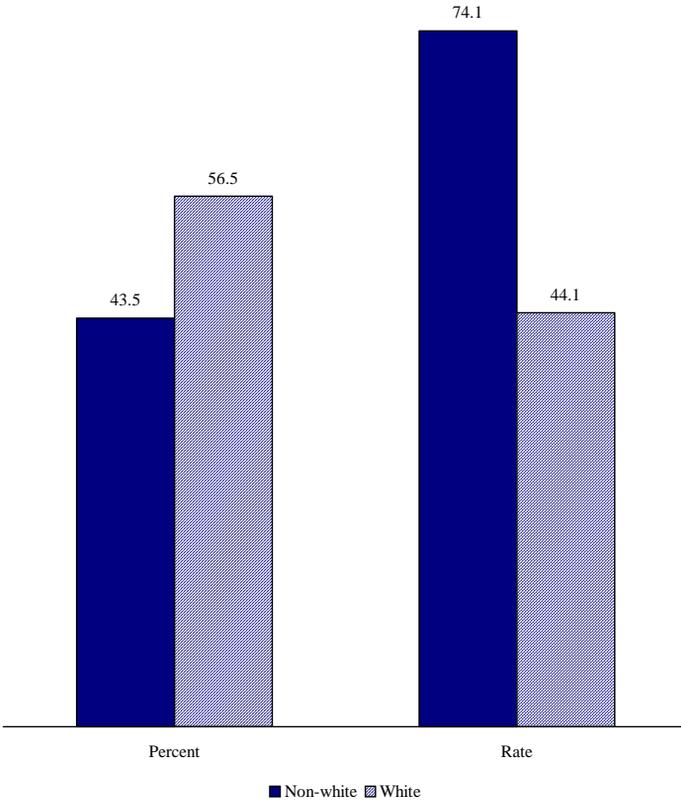
Victims of Marital Violence by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	44,845	43.5%	74.1
White	58,272	56.5%	44.1

Note: 90 were of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Victims by Race



Non-white females experienced by the highest marital violence victimization rate, followed by white females, non-white males and white males.

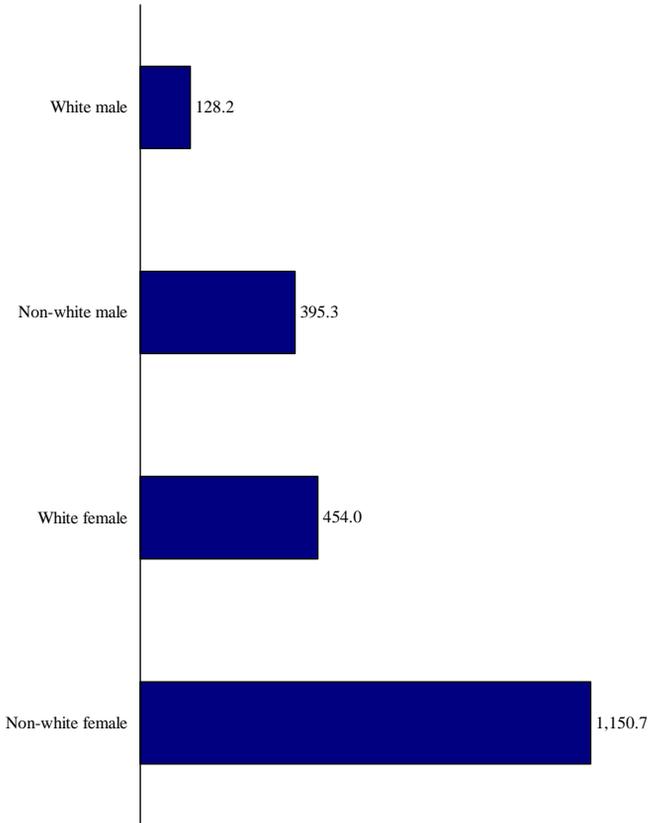
Victims of Marital Violence by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	37,176	36.1%	1,150.7
Non-white male	7,667	7.4%	395.3
White female	48,642	47.2%	454.0
White male	9,628	9.3%	128.2

Note: 94 cases had unknown sex/race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Victimization Rate by Race/Sex



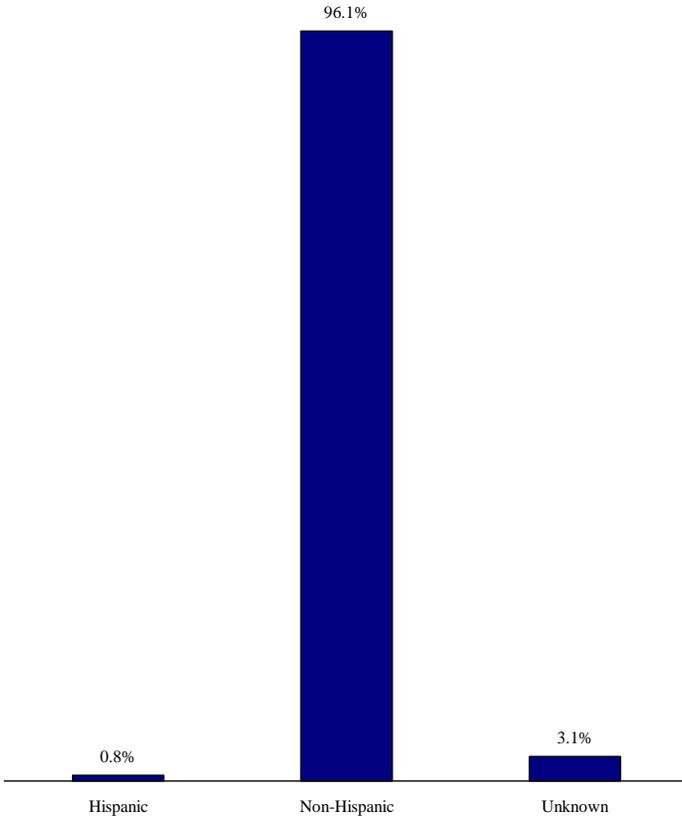
Less than 1% of victims of marital violence were reported to be Hispanic. Non-Hispanics accounted for 96.1% and 3.1% were of unknown ethnicity.

Victims of Marital Violence by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	786	0.8%
Non-Hispanic	99,182	96.1%
Unknown	3,239	3.1%
Total	103,207	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence Victims by Ethnicity



The mean age for marital violence offenders was 34.7 and the median age was 34. The 25 through 34 age group had the highest marital violence offender rate.

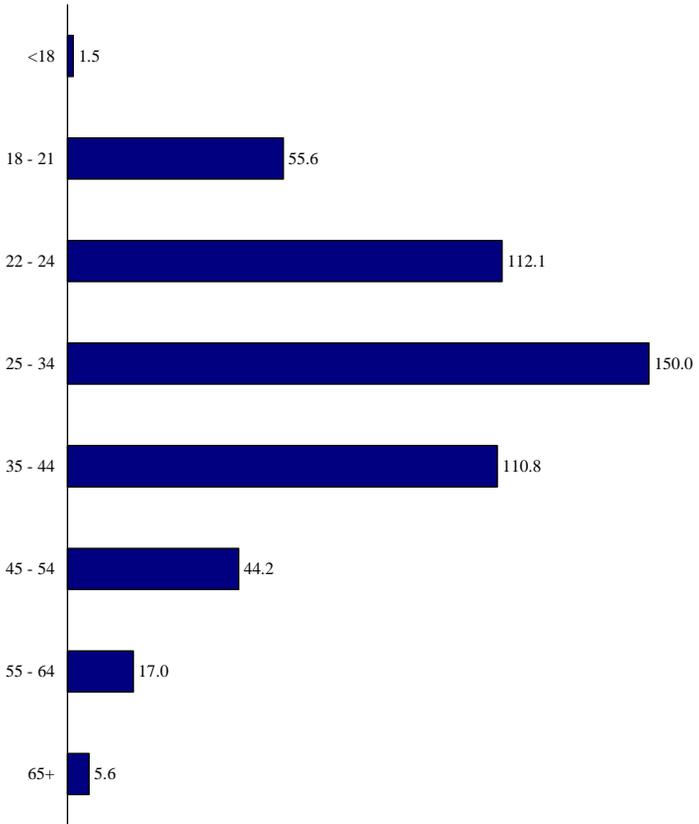
Marital Violence Offenders by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
17 and younger	722	0.7%	1.5
18 through 21	6,275	5.8%	55.6
22 through 24	9,073	8.4%	112.1
25 through 34	42,456	39.3%	150.0
35 through 44	34,163	31.6%	110.8
45 through 54	11,219	10.4%	44.2
55 through 64	2,882	2.6%	17.0
65 and older	1,299	1.2%	5.6

Note: 2,411 cases had missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Offender Rates by Age



Males accounted for 79.9% of marital violence offenders. The marital violence offender rate for males was 4.3 times that for females.

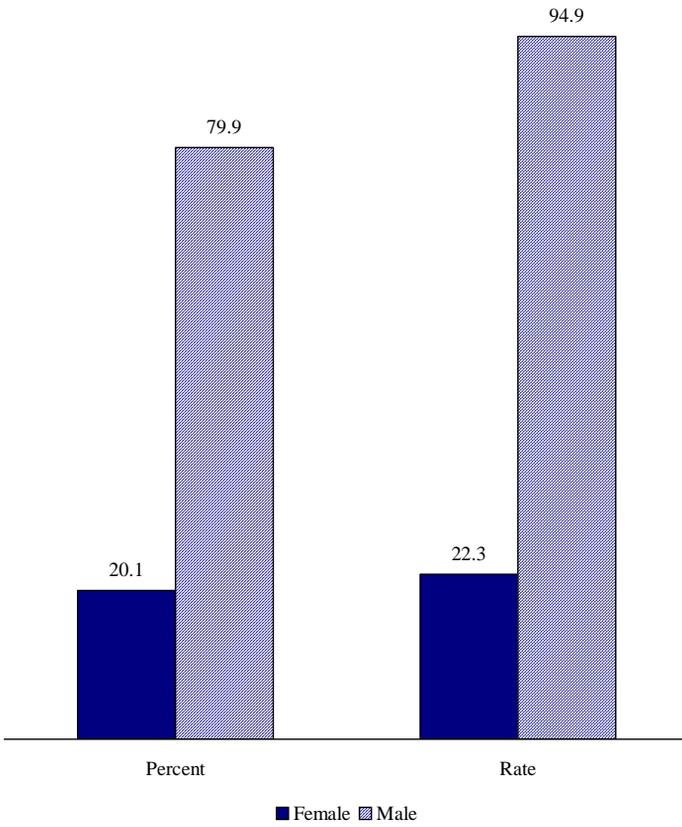
Marital Violence Offenders by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	22,237	20.1%	22.3
Male	88,255	79.9%	94.9

Note: 8 cases were of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Offenders by Sex



The marital violence offender rate reported for non-whites was 1.8 times the marital violence offender rate for whites.

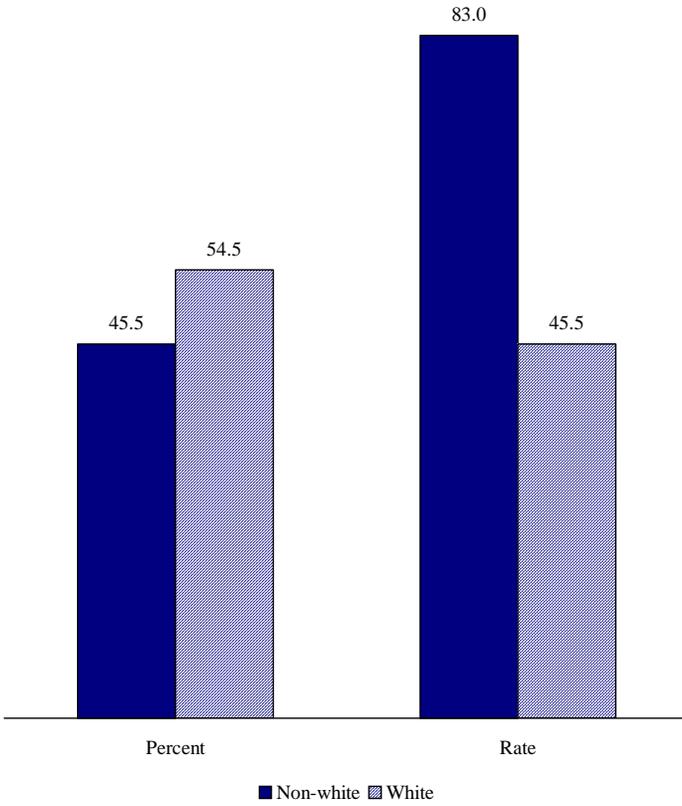
Marital Violence Offenders by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	50,253	45.5%	83.0
White	60,164	54.5%	45.5

Note: 83 cases were of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Offenders by Race



Non-white males had the highest marital violence offender rate, followed by white males, non-white females and white females.

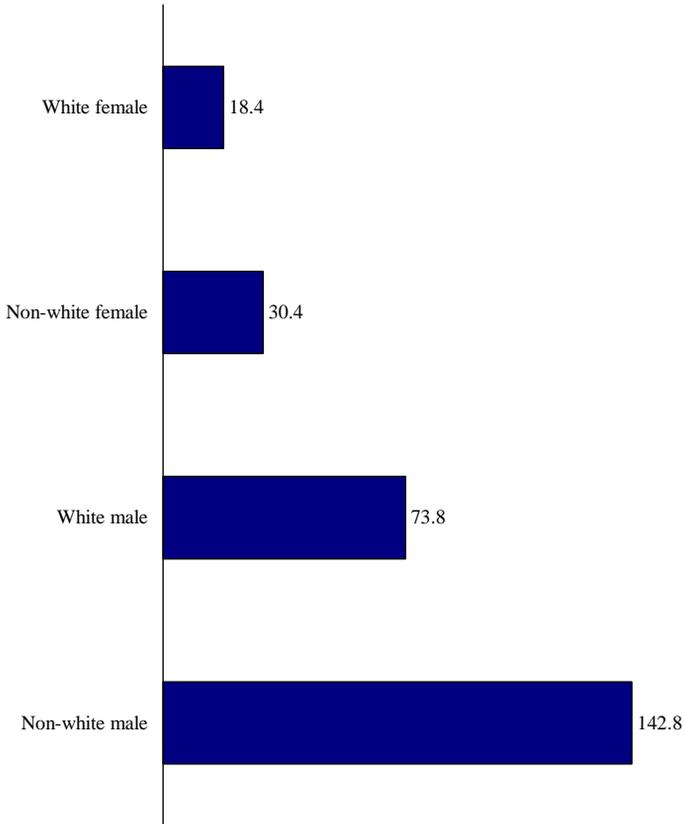
Marital Violence Offenders by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	9,804	8.9%	30.4
Non-white male	40,449	36.6%	142.8
White female	12,418	11.2%	18.4
White male	47,746	43.3%	73.8

Note: 83 cases were of unknown race/sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Marital Violence Offender Rates by Race/Sex



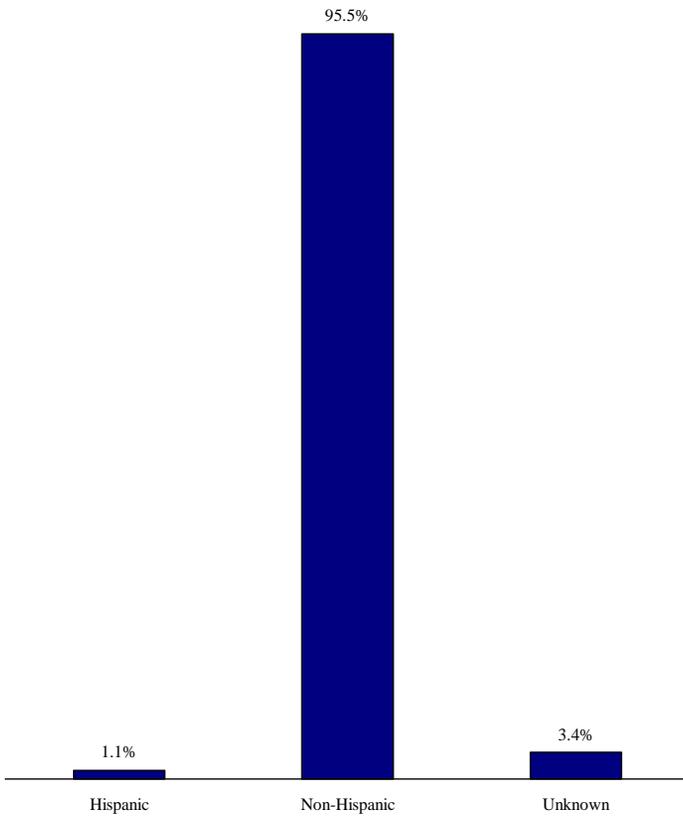
Hispanics accounted for 1.1% of marital violence offenders. Non-Hispanics accounted for 95.5% of marital violence offenders and 3.4% were of unknown ethnicity.

Marital Violence Offenders by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	1,207	1.1%
Non-Hispanic	105,523	95.5%
Unknown	3,770	3.4%
Total	110,500	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marital Violence Offenders by Ethnicity



FAMILY VIOLENCE

There were 35.5 victims of family violence per 10,000 people in South Carolina from 1996 through 2000.

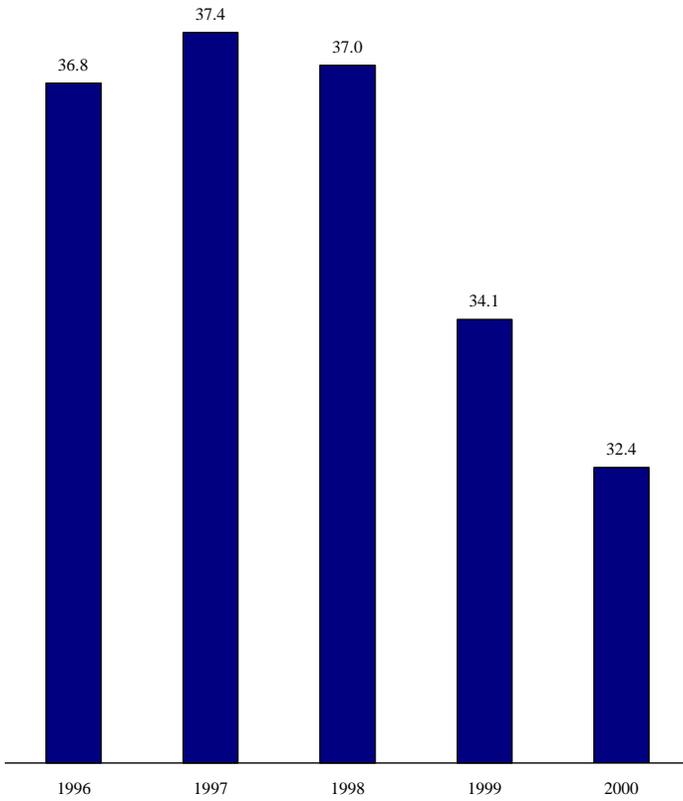
Family Violence: Includes murder, negligent homicide, justifiable homicide, kidnapping, rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation, where the victim to offender relationship is based on a family relationship other than spouses, common-law spouses or ex-spouses.

Family Violence Victims by Year

Year	Number	Percent	Rate
1996	13,775	20.1%	36.8
1997	14,184	20.7%	37.4
1998	14,221	20.8%	37.0
1999	13,258	19.4%	34.1
2000	13,006	19.0%	32.4
Total	68,444	100.0%	35.5

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED: unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Rate by Year



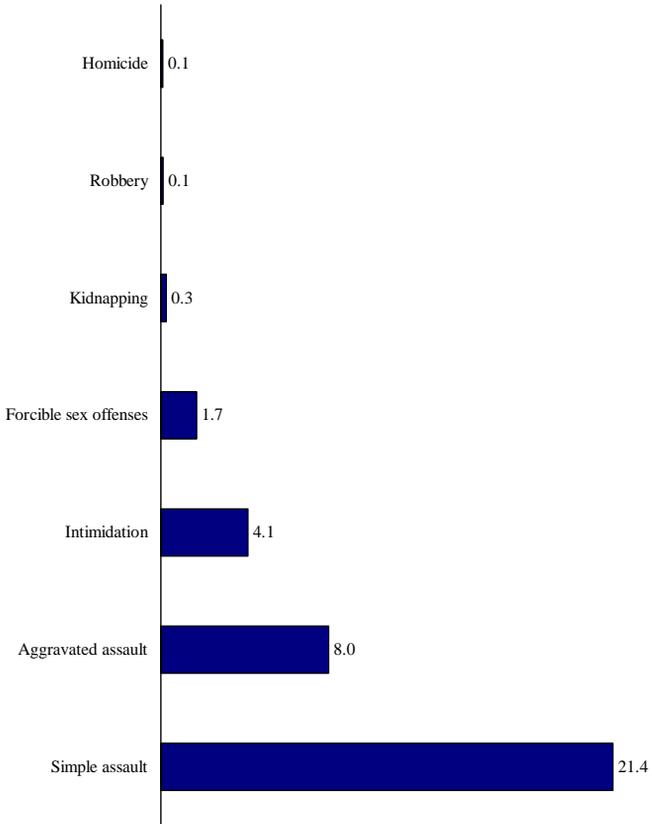
Simple assault was the family violent offense most often reported. There were 178 family murders, 10 negligent homicides and 3 justifiable homicides.

Family Violence by Offense

Offense	Number	Percent	Rate
Murder	178	0.3%	0.09
Negligent homicide	10	0.0%	0.01
Justifiable homicide	3	0.0%	0.00
Kidnapping	499	0.7%	0.26
Rape	888	1.3%	0.46
Forcible sodomy	604	0.9%	0.31
Sex assault w object	275	0.4%	0.14
Forcible fondling	1,499	2.2%	0.78
Robbery	213	0.3%	0.11
Aggravated assault	15,318	22.3%	7.95
Simple assault	41,287	60.1%	21.43
Intimidation	7,946	11.5%	4.12
Total	68,720	100.0%	35.67

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Offense Rates



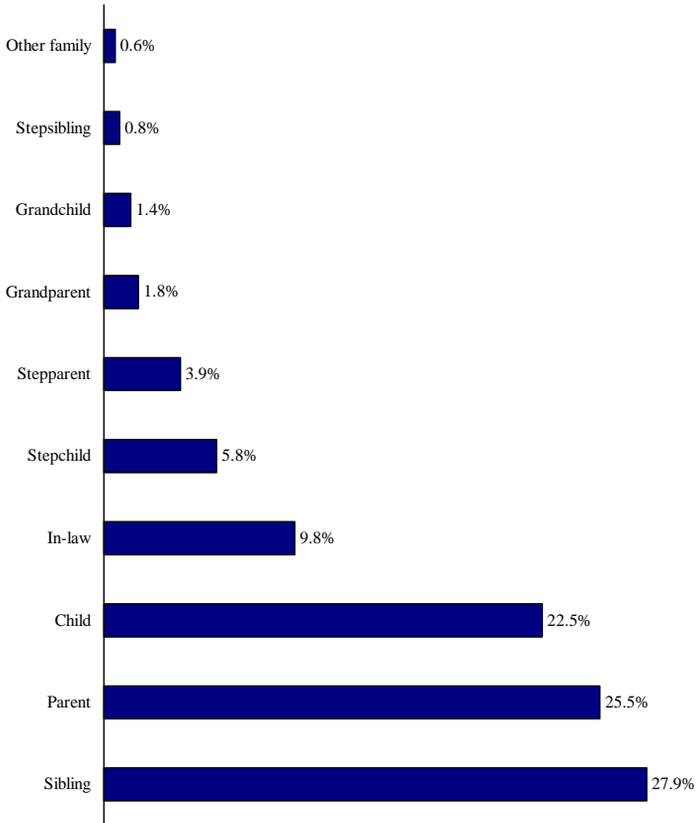
The most frequently reported victim to offender relationship among family domestic violence victims was sibling.

Family Violence by Victim to Offender Relationship

Victim was:	Number	Percent
Child	15,804	22.5%
Grandchild	978	1.4%
Grandparent	1,244	1.8%
In-law	6,884	9.8%
Other family	408	0.6%
Parent	17,885	25.5%
Sibling	19,575	27.9%
Stepchild	4,119	5.8%
Stepparent	2,764	3.9%
Stepsibling	563	0.8%
Total	70,224	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Family Violence by Victim/Offender Relationship



Minor injuries accounted for 87.4% of reported injuries in family domestic violence.

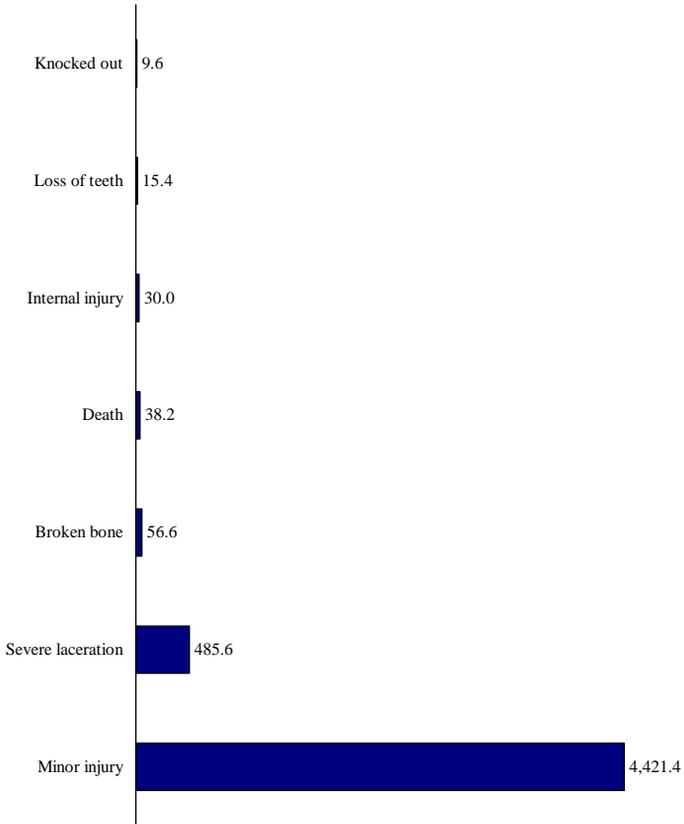
Injuries Resulting From Family Violence

Injury	Number	Percent	Annual Average
Broken bone	283	1.1%	56.6
Death	191	0.8%	38.2
Internal injury	150	0.6%	30.0
Knocked out	48	0.2%	9.6
Loss of teeth	77	0.3%	15.4
Minor injury	22,107	87.4%	4,421.4
Severe laceration	2,428	9.6%	485.6
Total	25,284	100.0%	5,056.8

Note: 33,770 cases had no injury reported.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Annual Family Violence Injuries



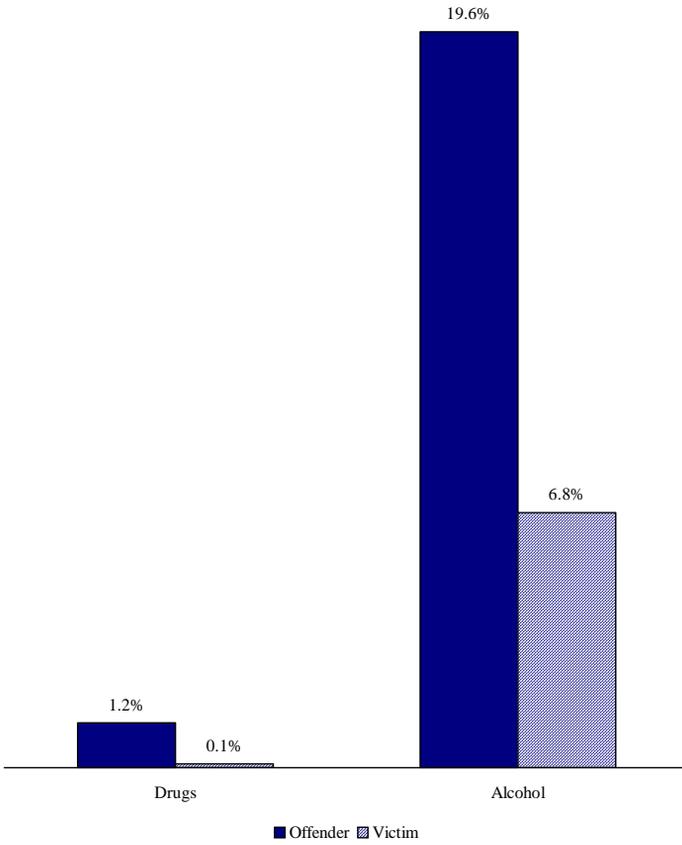
Among family violence offenders, 20.8% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs. Among victims, 6.9% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs.

Substance Use in Domestic Aggravated Assault

Substance	Offender	Victim
Drugs	1.2%	0.1%
Alcohol	19.6%	6.8%
None reported	79.2%	93.1%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Substance Use in Family Violence



Personal weapons (hands, feet, fists, etc.) accounted for 73.7% of the weapons involved in family violence.

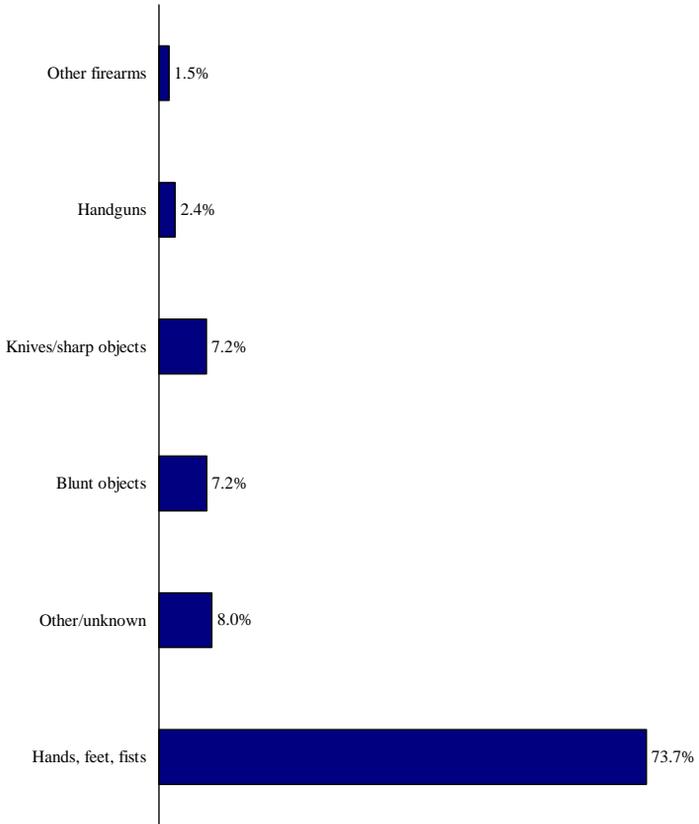
Family Violence by Weapon

Weapon	Number	Percent
Blunt objects	4,547	7.2%
Handguns	1,516	2.4%
Hands, feet, fists	46,201	73.7%
Knives/sharp objects	4,504	7.2%
Other firearms	945	1.5%
Other/unknown	4,997	8.0%
Total	62,710	100.0%

Note: SCIBRS allows for up to three weapons to be reported per incident.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Family Violence by Weapon



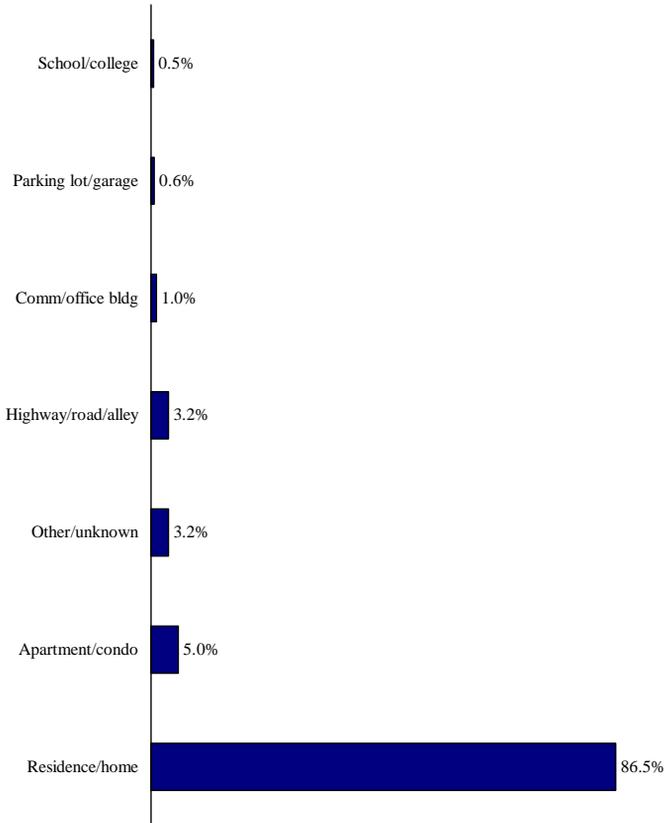
The most frequently reported location of family violence was residence/home, accounting for 86.5% of the total.

Family Violence by Location

Location	Number	Percent
Apartment/condo	3,454	5.0%
Commercial/office bldg.	656	1.0%
Highway/road/alley	2,205	3.2%
Other/unknown	2,208	3.2%
Parking lot/garage	377	0.6%
Residence/home	59,219	86.5%
School/college	325	0.5%
Total	68,444	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Family Violence by Location



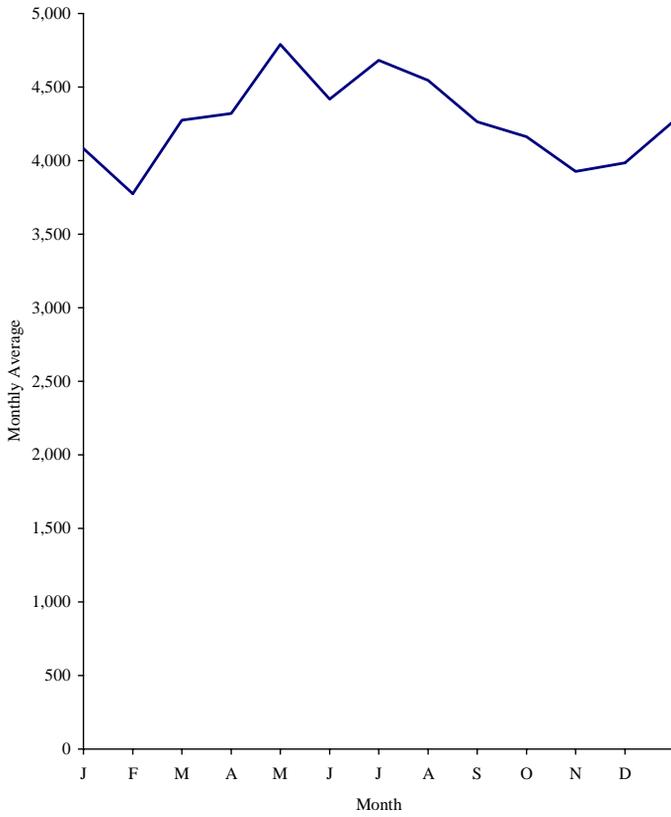
More family violence was reported in May than any other month.

Family Violence by Month

Month	Number	Percent	Monthly Average
January	20,413	8.0%	4,082.6
February	18,870	7.4%	3,774.0
March	21,368	8.3%	4,273.6
April	21,605	8.4%	4,321.0
May	23,951	9.4%	4,790.2
June	22,085	8.6%	4,417.0
July	23,412	9.1%	4,682.4
August	22,733	8.9%	4,546.6
September	21,322	8.3%	4,264.4
October	20,813	8.1%	4,162.6
November	19,632	7.7%	3,926.4
December	19,924	7.8%	3,984.8
Total	256,128	100.0%	4,268.8

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Family Violence by Month



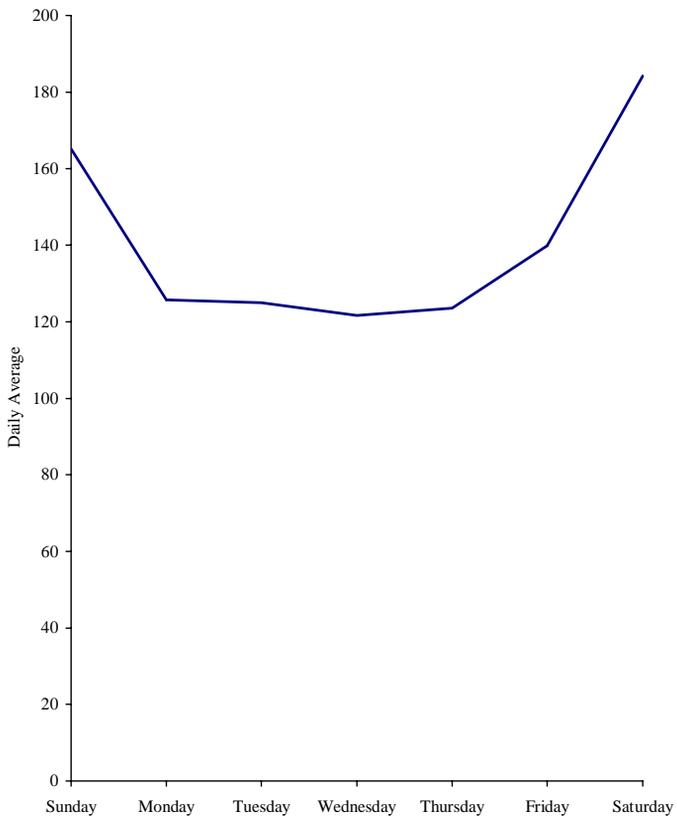
More family violence was reported on Saturday than any other day of the week.

Family Violence by Day of Week

Day	Number	Percent	Daily Average
Sunday	42,947	16.8%	165.2
Monday	32,689	12.8%	125.7
Tuesday	32,496	12.7%	125.0
Wednesday	31,619	12.3%	121.6
Thursday	32,143	12.5%	123.6
Friday	36,346	14.2%	139.8
Saturday	47,892	18.7%	184.2
Total	256,132	100.0%	140.3

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Family Violence by Day of Week



Family violence occurred most frequently between 9:00 PM and 11:59 PM.

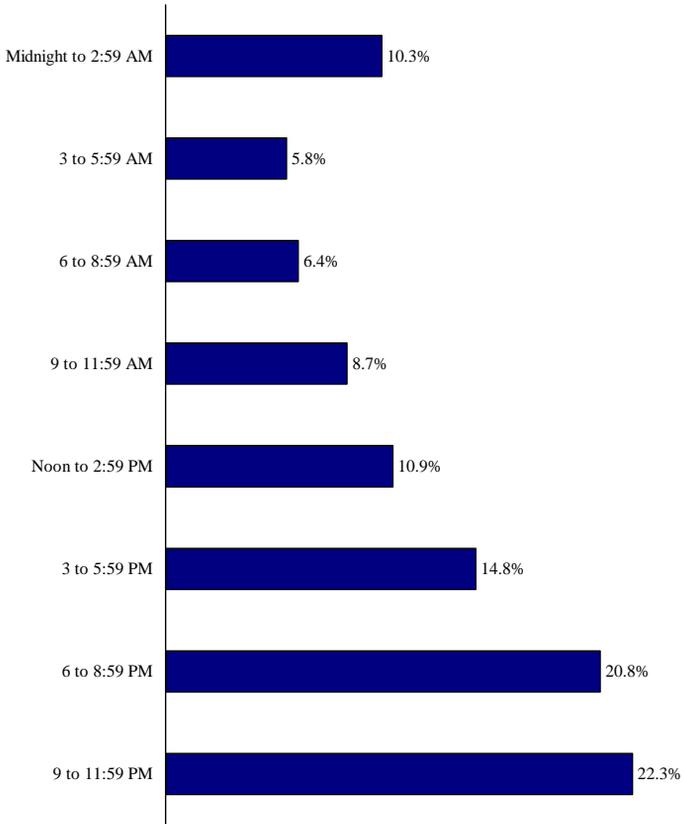
Family Violence by Time Period

Time period	Number	Percent
Midnight to 2:59 AM	25,063	10.3%
3:00 to 5:59 AM	13,985	5.8%
6:00 to 8:59 AM	15,395	6.4%
9:00 to 11:59 AM	21,022	8.7%
Noon to 2:59 PM	26,306	10.9%
3:00 to 5:59 PM	35,924	14.8%
6:00 to 8:59 PM	50,385	20.8%
9:00 to 11:59 PM	54,125	22.3%
Total	242,205	100.0%

Note: 13,927 cases missing time data.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Family Violence by Time of Day



The mean age for family violence victims was 31.1 and the median age was 30. The family violence victimization rate was highest among the 22 through 24 age group.

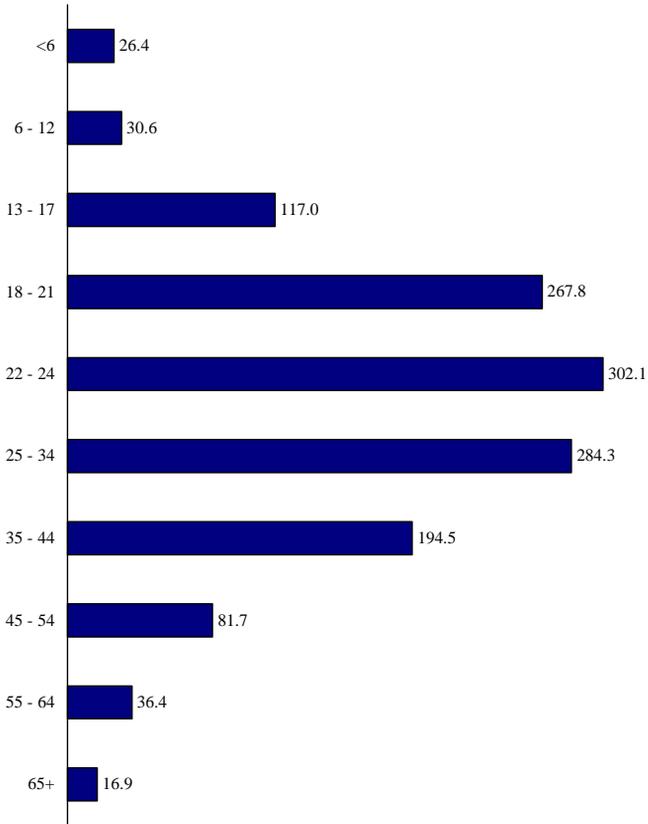
Family Violence Victims by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
5 and younger	4,096	1.6%	26.4
6 through 12	5,848	2.3%	30.6
13 through 17	16,117	6.4%	117.0
18 through 21	30,203	12.0%	267.8
22 through 24	24,455	9.7%	302.1
25 through 34	80,493	31.9%	284.3
35 through 44	59,965	23.8%	194.5
45 through 54	20,771	8.2%	81.7
55 through 64	6,174	2.5%	36.4
65 and older	3,946	1.6%	16.9

Note: 4,064 missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Rate by Age



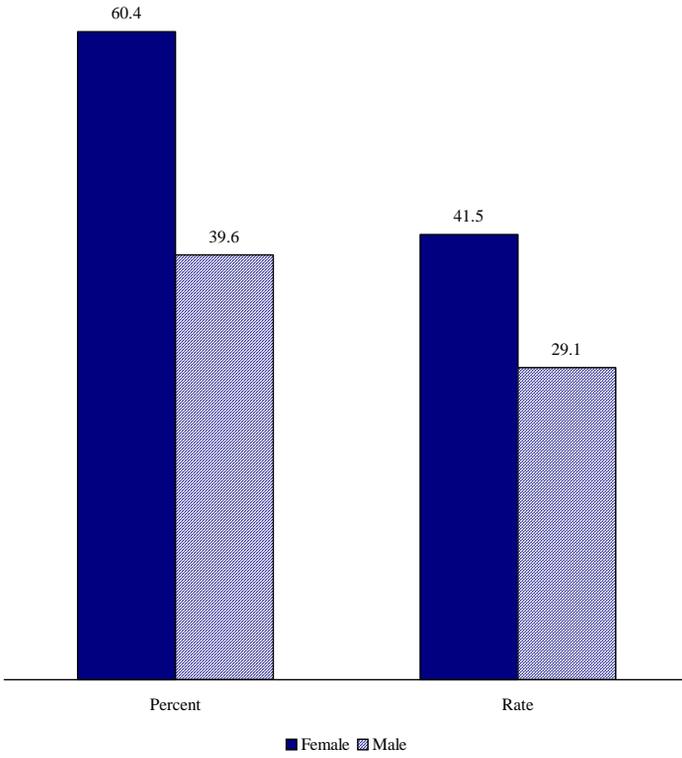
Females accounted for 60.4% of family violence victims. The rate of family violence victimization for females was 1.4 times higher than the rate for males.

Family Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	41,345	60.4%	41.5
Male	27,066	39.6%	29.1

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Victims by Sex



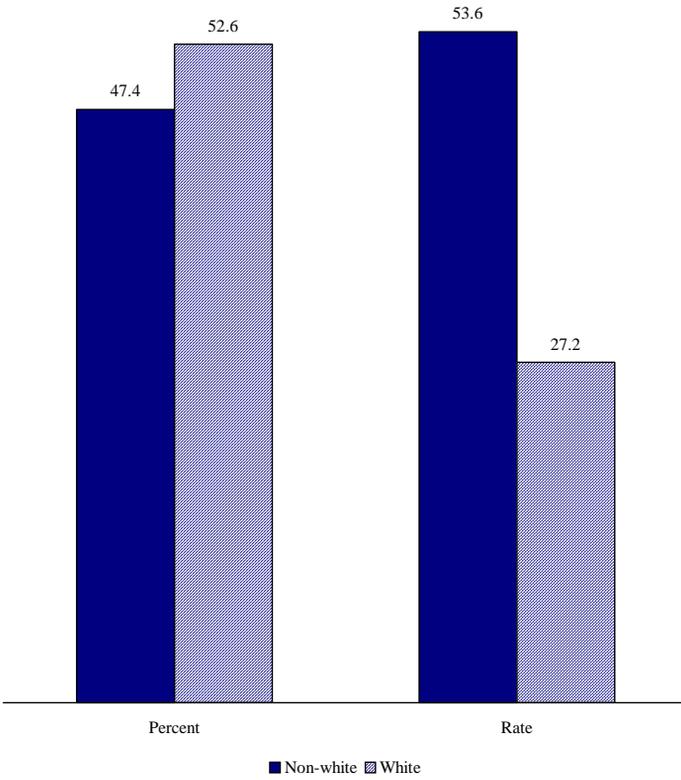
Whites accounted for 52.6% of family violence victims, however, the victimization rate of non-whites was twice that of whites.

Family Violence by Victims Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	32,441	47.4%	53.6
White	35,944	52.6%	27.2

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Victims by Race



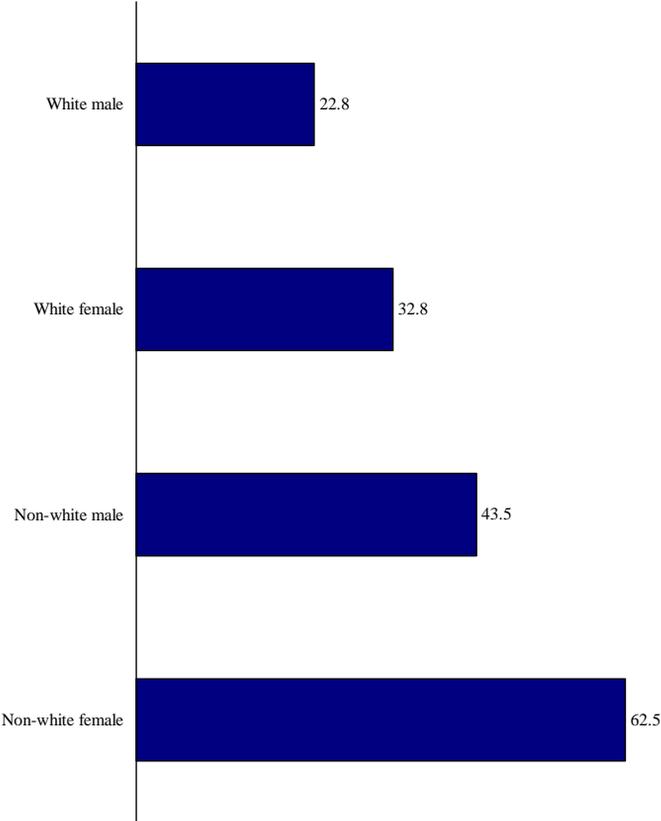
Non-white females had the highest family violence victimization rate, followed by non-white males, white females and white males.

Family Violence Victims by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	20,121	29.4%	62.5
Non-white male	12,314	18.0%	43.5
White female	21,208	31.0%	32.8
White male	14,732	21.6%	22.8

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Rate by Race/Sex



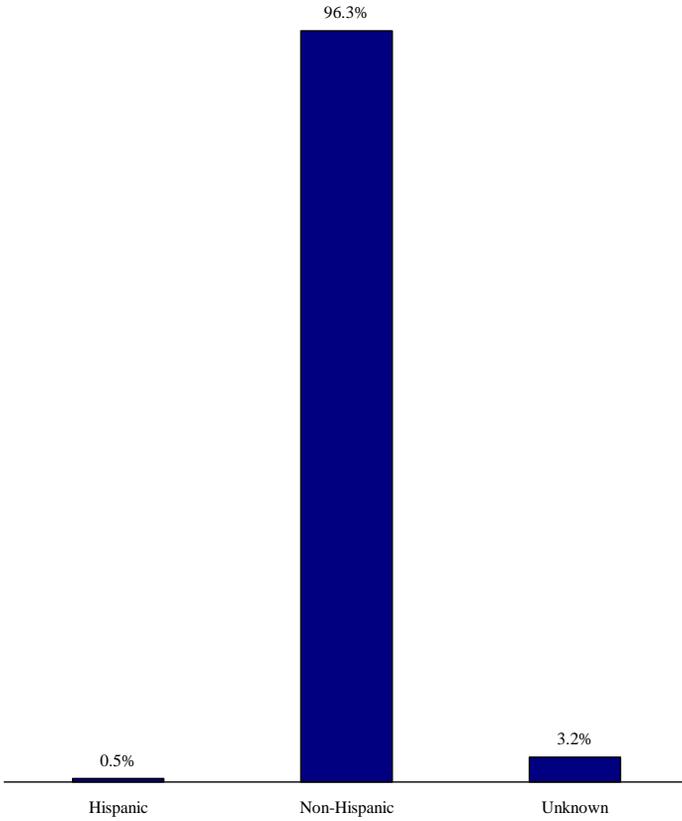
Less than 1% of family violence victims were reported to be Hispanic. Non-Hispanics made up 96.3% of family domestic violence victims and 3.2% were of unknown ethnicity.

Family Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	313	0.5%
Non-Hispanic	65,962	96.3%
Unknown	2,169	3.2%
Total	68,444	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Family Violence Victims by Ethnicity



The mean age for family violence offenders was 29.9 and the median age was 28. The highest offender rate for family violence was among the 13 through 17 year age group.

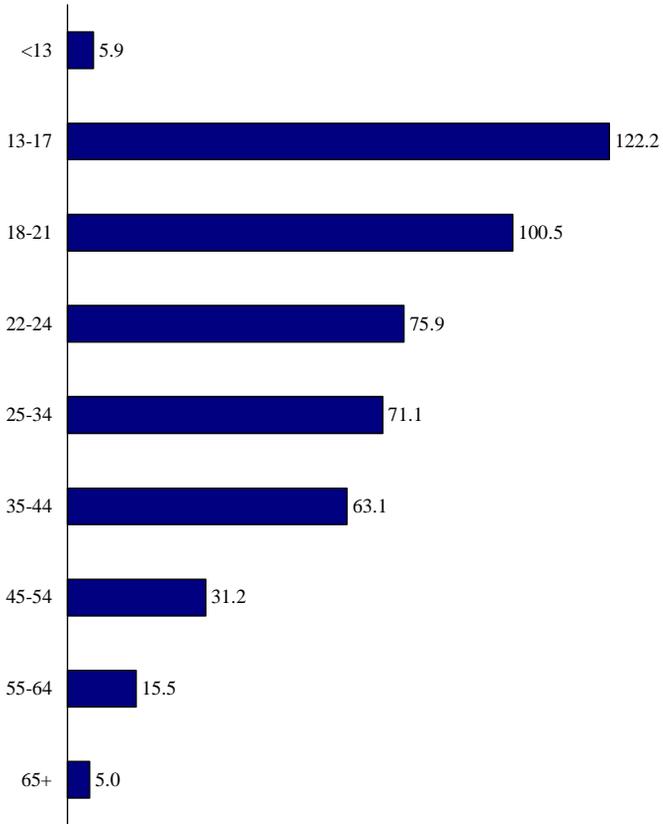
Family Violence Offenders by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
12 and younger	2,047	2.3%	5.9
13 through 17	16,833	19.2%	122.2
18 through 21	11,328	12.9%	100.5
22 through 24	6,147	7.0%	75.9
25 through 34	20,132	23.0%	71.1
35 through 44	19,443	22.2%	63.1
45 through 54	7,928	9.1%	31.2
55 through 64	2,621	3.0%	15.5
65 and older	1,171	1.3%	5.0

Note: 6,856 missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Offenders by Age



Males accounted for 70.6% of family violence offenders. The family violence offender rate for males was 2.6 times that for females.

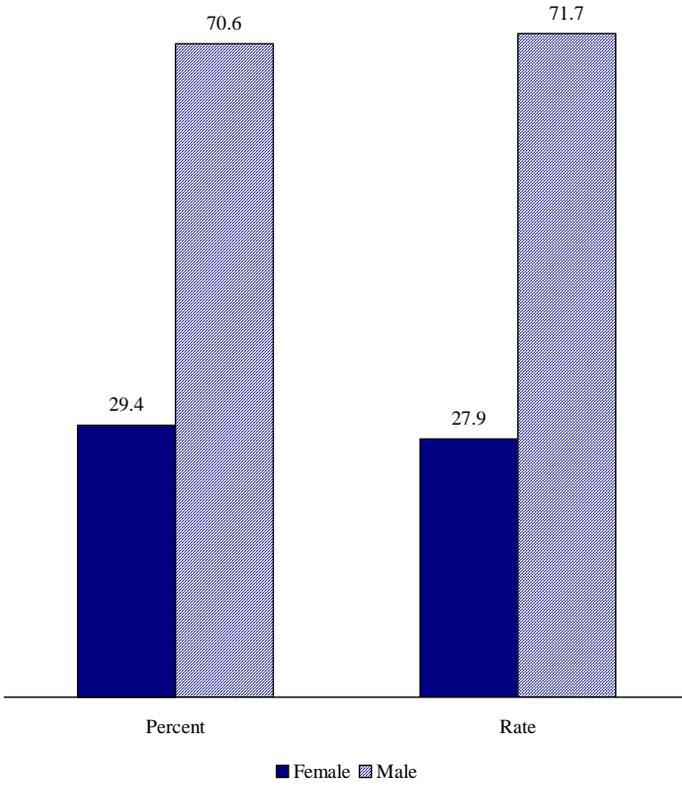
Family Violence Offenders by Sex

Sex	Frequency	Percent	Rate
Female	27,764	29.4%	27.9
Male	66,718	70.6%	71.7

Note: 24 were of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Offenders by Sex



Non-whites accounted for 51.8% of family violence offenders. The family violence offender rate for non-whites was 2.3 times that for whites.

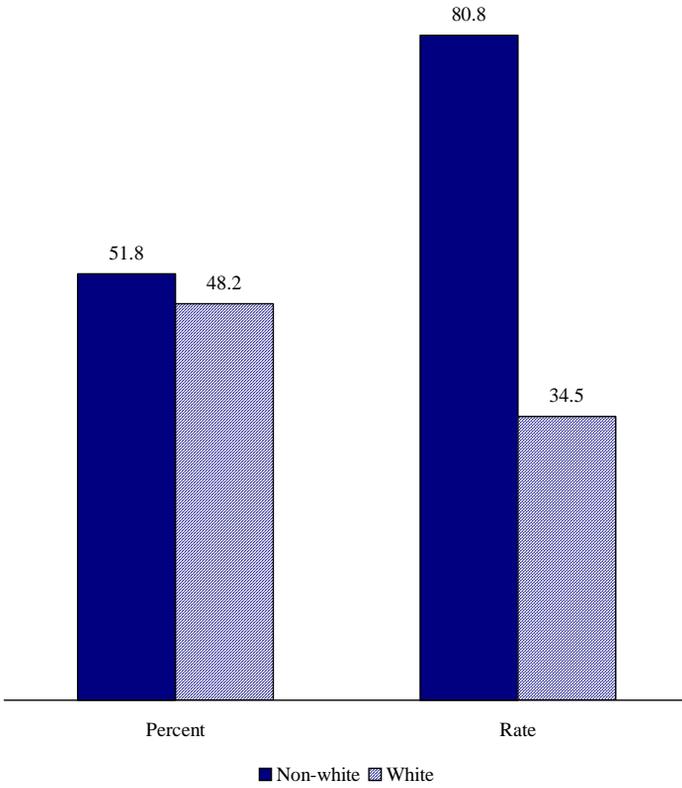
Family Violence Offenders by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	48,887	51.8%	80.8
White	45,538	48.2%	34.5

Note: 81 were of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Offenders by Race



Non-white males had the highest family violence offender rate, followed by white males, non-white females and white females.

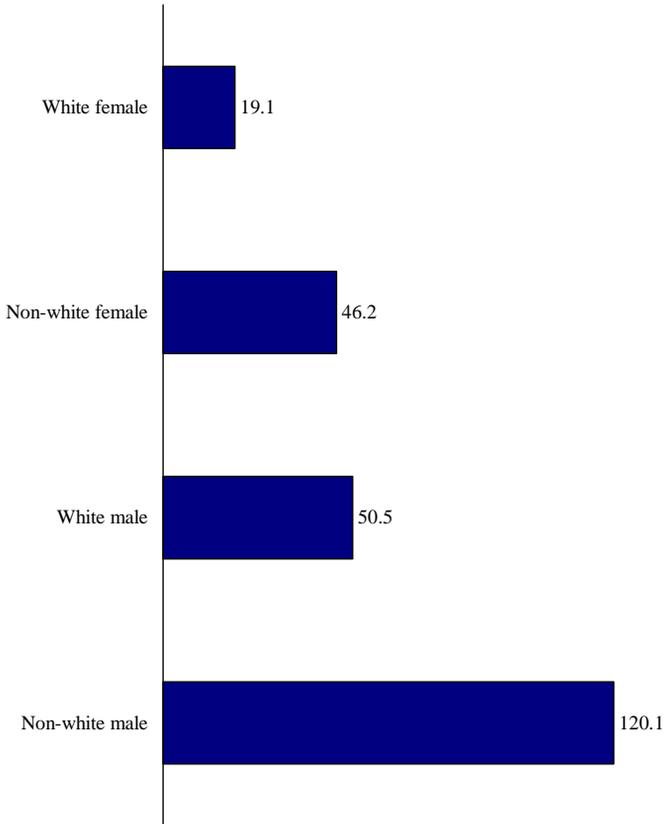
Family Violence Offenders by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	14,868	15.8%	46.2
Non-white male	34,018	36.0%	120.1
White female	12,875	13.6%	19.1
White male	32,663	34.6%	50.5

Note: 82 were of unknown race/sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Family Violence Offender Rates by Race/Sex



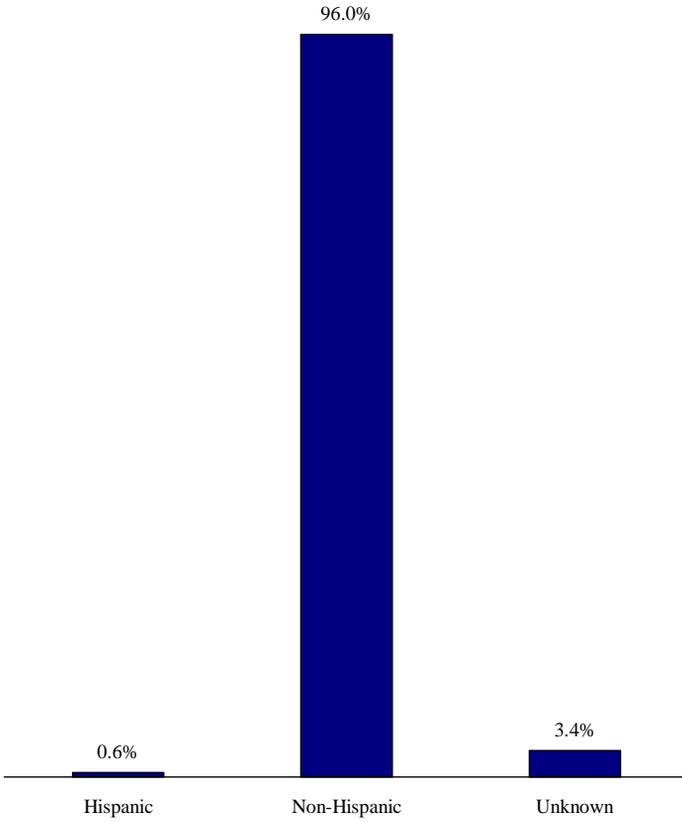
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of family violence offenders. Non-Hispanics accounted for 96% of the total and 3.4% were of unknown ethnicity.

Family Violence Offenders by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	517	0.6%
Non-Hispanic	90,759	96.0%
Unknown	3,230	3.4%
Total	94,506	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Family Violence Offenders by Ethnicity



**VIOLENCE IN ROMANTIC
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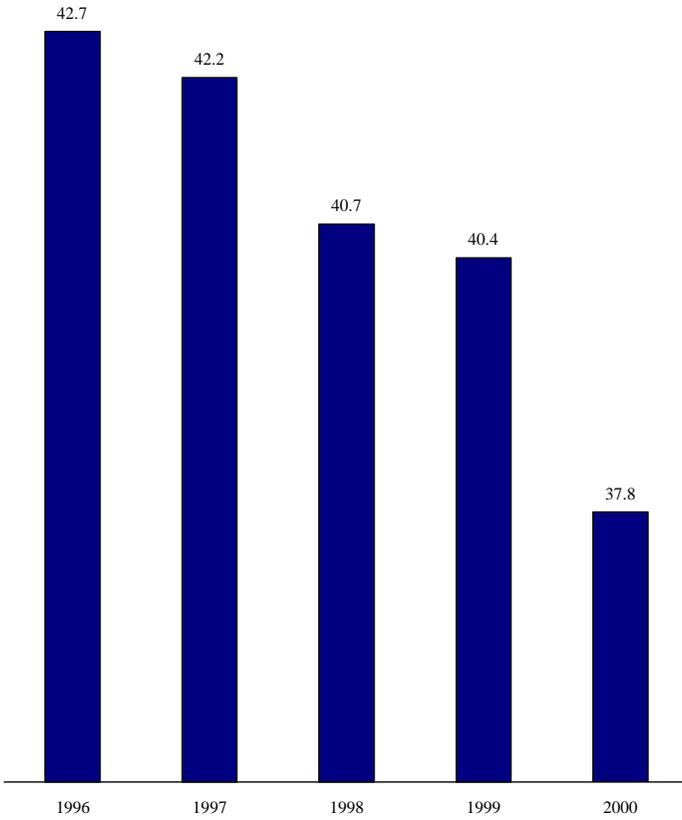
There were 40.7 victims of domestic violence in romantic relationships per 10,000 people in South Carolina from 1996 through 2000.

Victims of Domestic Violence in Romantic Relationships by Year

Year	Number	Percent	Rate
1996	15,964	20.4%	42.7
1997	16,000	20.4%	42.2
1998	15,631	19.9%	40.7
1999	15,689	20.0%	40.4
2000	15,153	19.3%	37.8
Total	78,437	100.0%	40.7

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Annual Violence Rate in Romantic Relationships



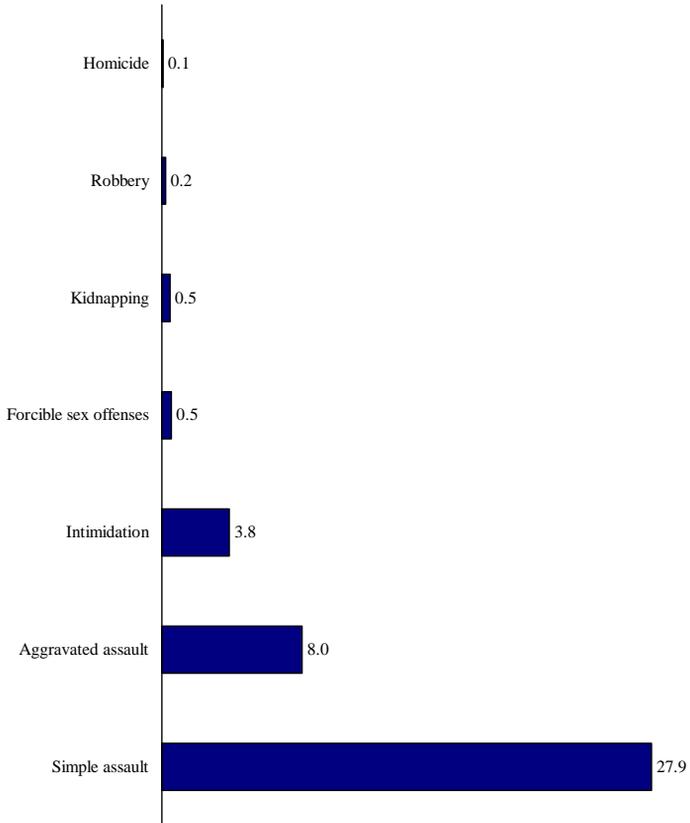
Simple assault was the most frequently reported violent offense in romantic relationships. There were 156 murders, 1 negligent homicide and 4 justifiable homicides.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Offense

Offense	Number	Percent	Rate
Murder	156	0.2%	0.1
Negligent homicide	1	0.0%	0.0
Justifiable homicide	4	0.0%	0.0
Kidnapping	915	1.2%	0.5
Rape	805	1.0%	0.4
Forcible sodomy	109	0.1%	0.1
Sex assault w object	35	0.0%	0.0
Forcible fondling	100	0.1%	0.1
Robbery	424	0.5%	0.2
Aggravated assault	15,370	19.5%	8.0
Simple assault	53,660	67.9%	27.9
Intimidation	7,410	9.4%	3.8
Total	78,989	100.0%	41.0

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Violent Offense Rates in Romantic Relationships



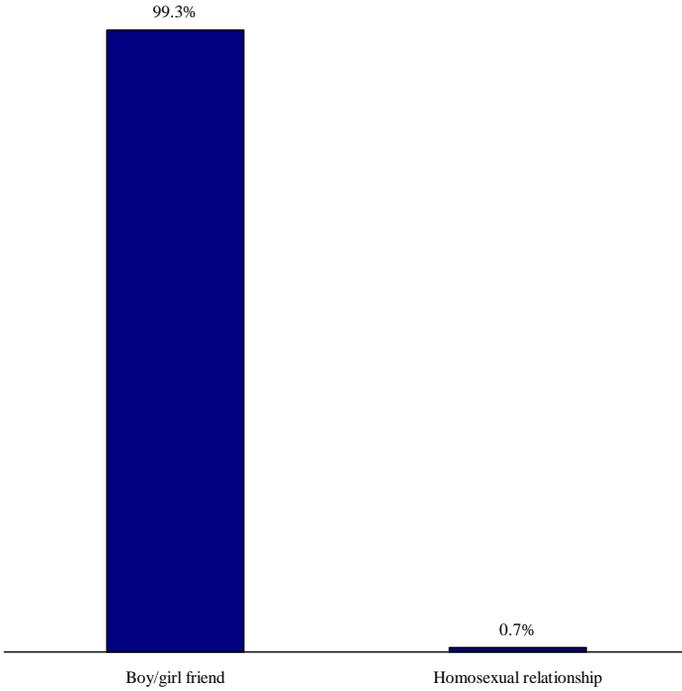
Boyfriend or girlfriend accounted for 99.3% of the victim to offender relationships among victims of violence in romantic relationships.

Victim to Offender Relationship in Violence in Romantic Relationships

Victim was:	Number	Percent
Boy/girl friend	77,886	99.3%
Homosexual relationship	580	0.7%
Total	78,466	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Violence in Romantic Relationships, Victim/Offender Relationships



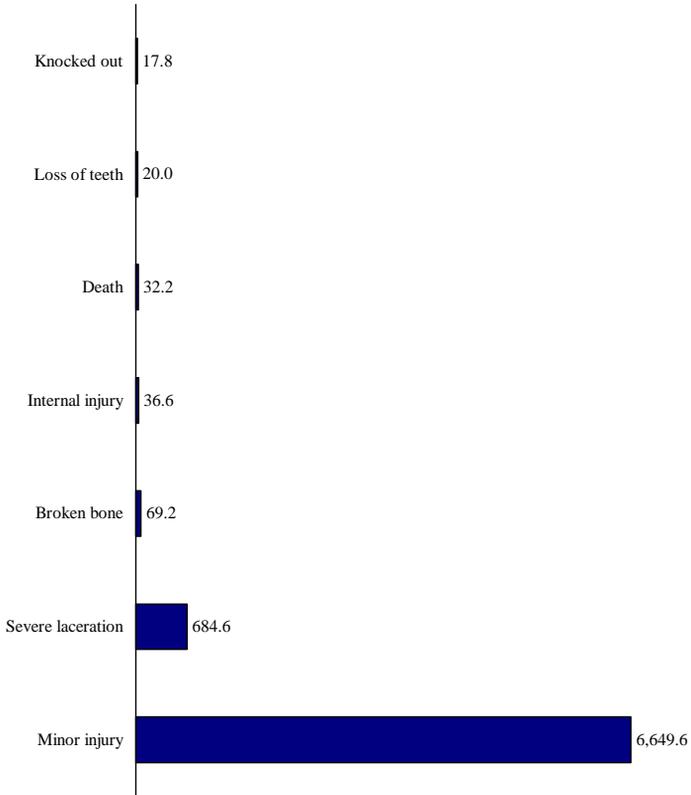
Minor injuries were the most common injury reported in domestic violence in romantic relationships, accounting for 88.5% of the total.

Injuries Resulting From Violence in Romantic Relationships

Injury	Number	Percent	Annual Average
Broken bone	346	0.9%	69.2
Death	161	0.4%	32.2
Internal injury	183	0.5%	36.6
Knocked out	89	0.3%	17.8
Loss of teeth	100	0.3%	20.0
Minor injury	33,248	88.5%	6,649.6
Severe laceration	3,423	9.1%	684.6
Total	37,550	100.0%	7,510.0

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Annual Injuries From Violence in Romantic Relationships



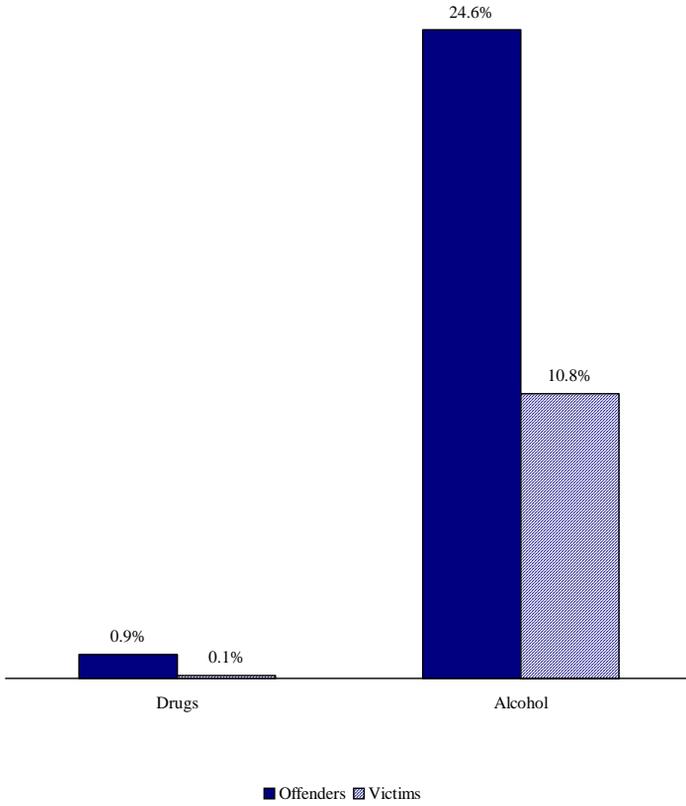
Among violent offenders in romantic relationships, 25.5% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs. Among victims, 10.9% were reported to have used alcohol or drugs.

Substance Use in Violence in Romantic Relationships

Substance	Offender	Victim
Drugs	0.9%	0.1%
Alcohol	24.6%	10.8%
None reported	74.5%	89.1%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Substance Use, Violence in Romantic Relationships



Personal weapons (hands, feet, fists, etc.) accounted for 81% of weapons involved in violence in romantic relationships. Firearms accounted for 2.9% of weapons.

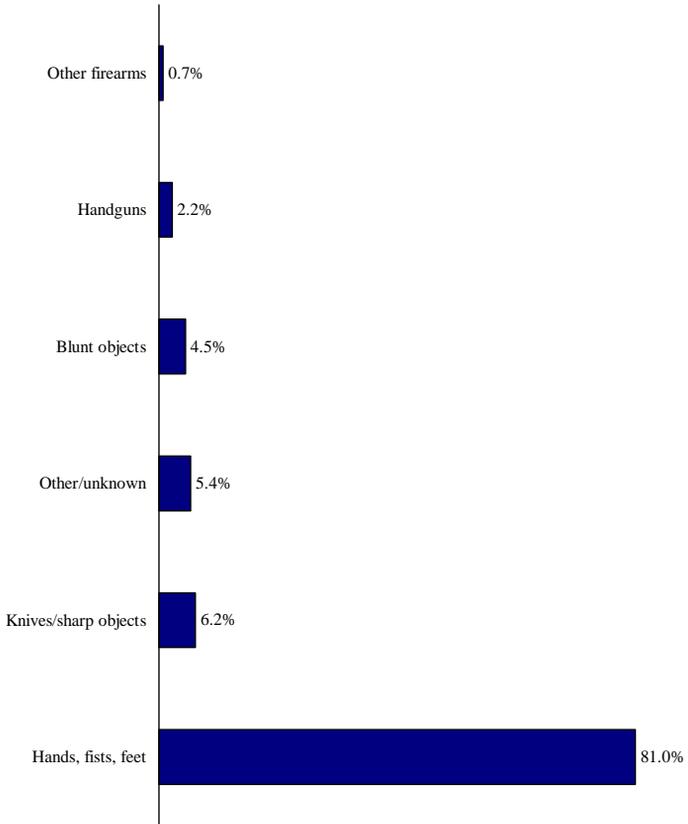
Weapons in Violence in Romantic Relationships

Weapons	Number	Percent
Blunt objects	3,176	4.5%
Handguns	1,599	2.2%
Hands, fists, feet	57,872	81.0%
Knives/sharp objects	4,429	6.2%
Other firearms	521	0.7%
Other/unknown	3,823	5.4%
Total	71,420	100.0%

Notes: SCIBRS allows for up to three weapons to be reported per incident.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Weapon



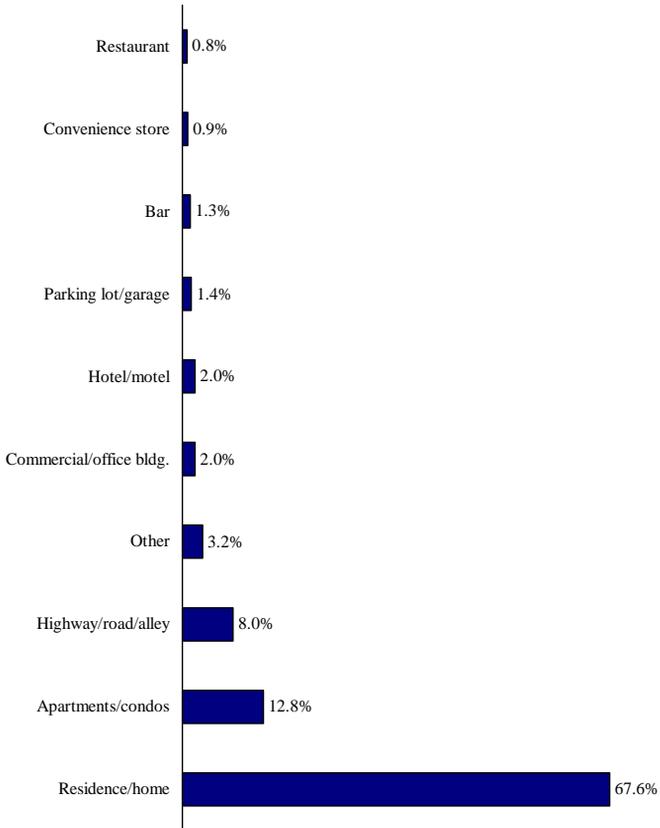
Residence/home accounted for the location of 67.6% of violence in romantic relationships.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Location

Location	Number	Percent
Apartment/condo	10,062	12.8%
Bar	987	1.3%
Commercial/office bldg.	1,595	2.0%
Convenience store	672	0.9%
Highway/road/alley	6,285	8.0%
Hotel/motel	1,590	2.0%
Other	2,518	3.2%
Parking lot/garage	1,125	1.4%
Residence/home	53,001	67.6%
Restaurant	602	0.8%
Total	78,437	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Location



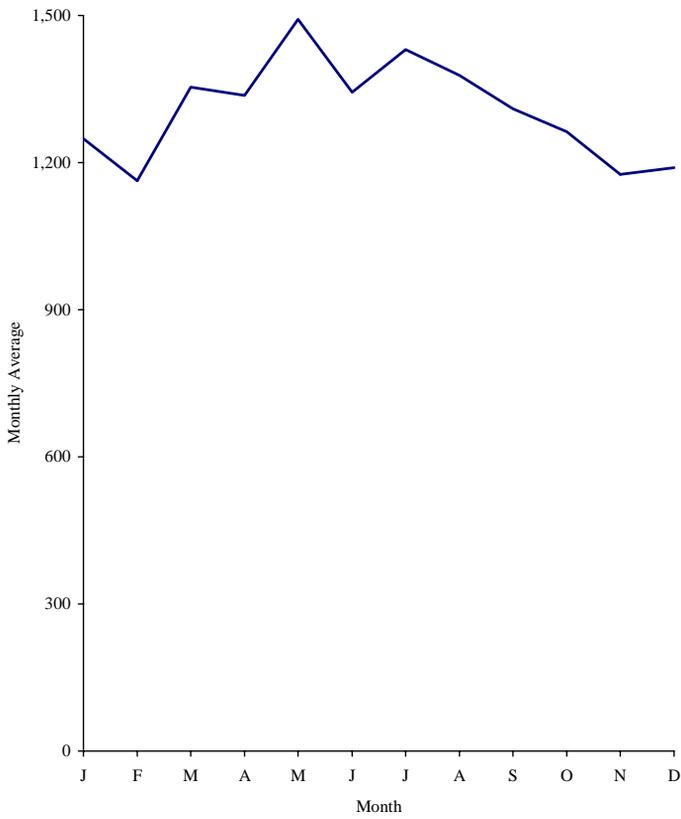
More violence in romantic relationships occurred in May than any other month.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Month

Month	Number	Percent	Monthly Average
January	6,244	8.0%	1,248.8
February	5,817	7.4%	1,163.4
March	6,772	8.6%	1,354.4
April	6,687	8.5%	1,337.4
May	7,461	9.5%	1,492.2
June	6,719	8.6%	1,343.8
July	7,155	9.1%	1,431.0
August	6,891	8.8%	1,378.2
September	6,548	8.3%	1,309.6
October	6,317	8.1%	1,263.4
November	5,880	7.5%	1,176.0
December	5,946	7.6%	1,189.2
Total	78,437	100.0%	1,307.3

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Month



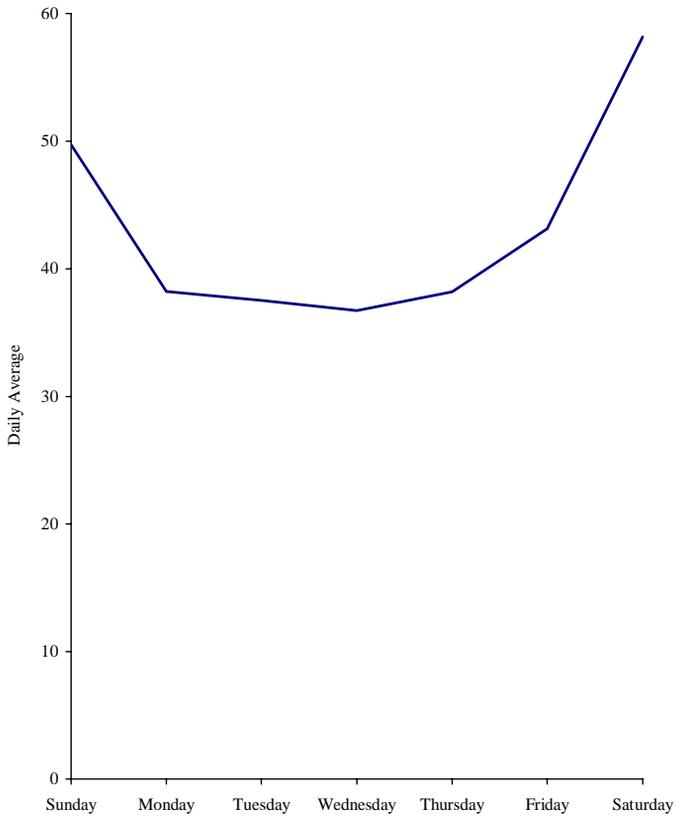
More violence in romantic relationships was reported on Saturday than any other day of the week.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Day of Week

Day	Number	Percent	Daily Average
Sunday	12,927	16.5%	49.7
Monday	9,933	12.7%	38.2
Tuesday	9,751	12.4%	37.5
Wednesday	9,551	12.2%	36.7
Thursday	9,926	12.6%	38.2
Friday	11,217	14.3%	43.1
Saturday	15,132	19.3%	58.2
Total	78,437	100.0%	43.0

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Day of Week



Violence within romantic relationships occurred most frequently between 9:00 PM and 11:59 PM.

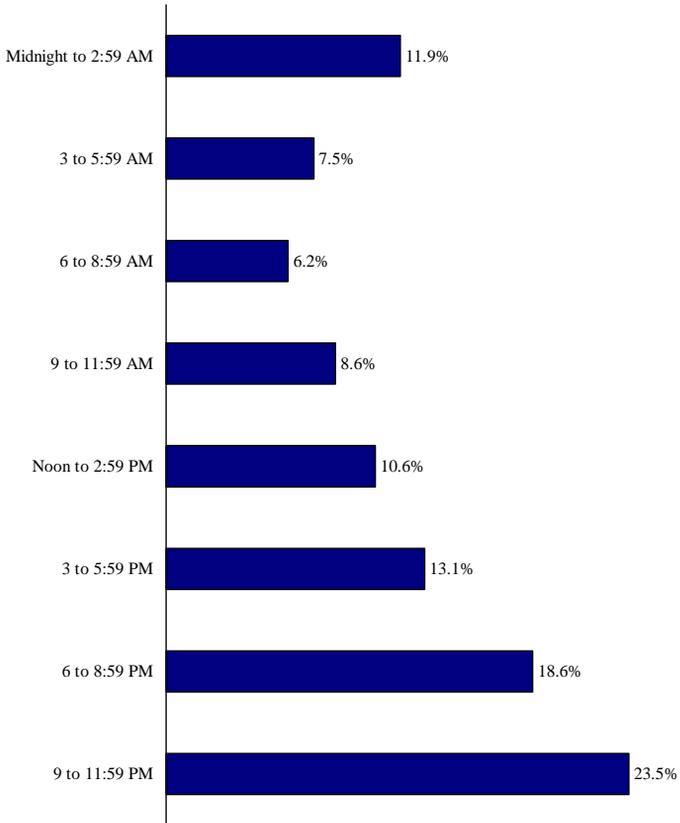
Violence in Romantic Relationships by Time of Day

Time period	Number	Percent
Midnight to 2:59 AM	8,751	11.9%
3:00 to 5:59 AM	5,523	7.5%
6:00 to 8:59 AM	4,562	6.2%
9:00 to 11:59 AM	6,325	8.6%
Noon to 2:59 PM	7,815	10.6%
3:00 to 5:59 PM	9,654	13.1%
6:00 to 8:59 PM	13,702	18.6%
9:00 to 11:59 PM	17,280	23.5%
Total	73,612	100.0%

Note: 4,825 missing time data.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Violence in Romantic Relationships by Time of Day



The mean age for victims of violence in romantic relationships was 28.6 and the median age was 27. The 25 through 34 age group had the highest victimization rate.

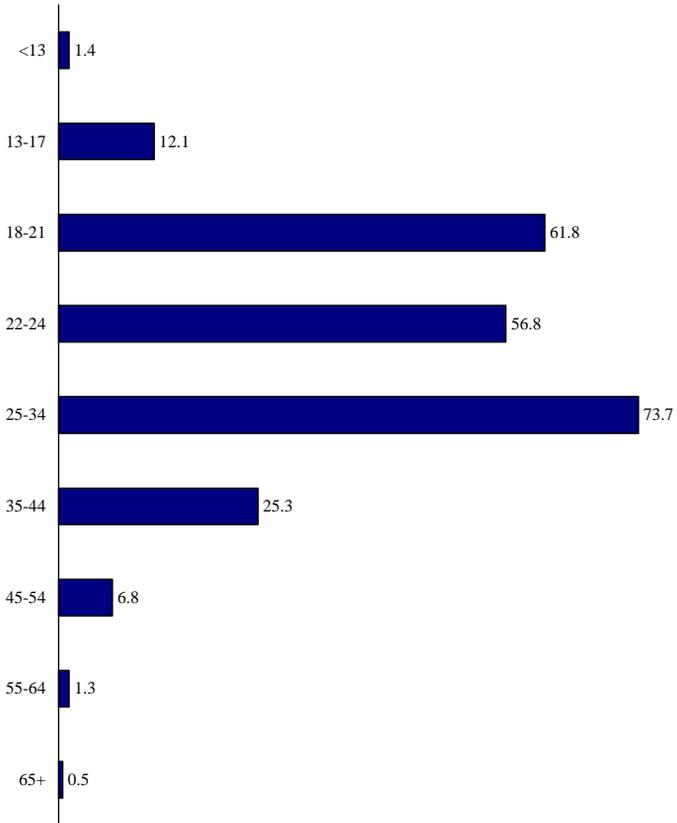
Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by Age

Age group	Number	Percent	Rate
12 and younger	472	0.6%	1.4
13 through 17	3,992	5.2%	12.1
18 through 21	15,472	20.0%	61.8
22 through 24	11,012	14.2%	56.8
25 through 34	26,823	34.7%	73.7
35 through 44	14,968	19.3%	25.3
45 through 54	3,846	5.0%	6.8
55 through 64	568	0.7%	1.3
65 and older	211	0.3%	0.5

Note: 1,073 missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by Age



Females accounted for 85.1% of the victims of violence in romantic relationships. The rate of victimization for females was 5.3 five times higher than the rate for males.

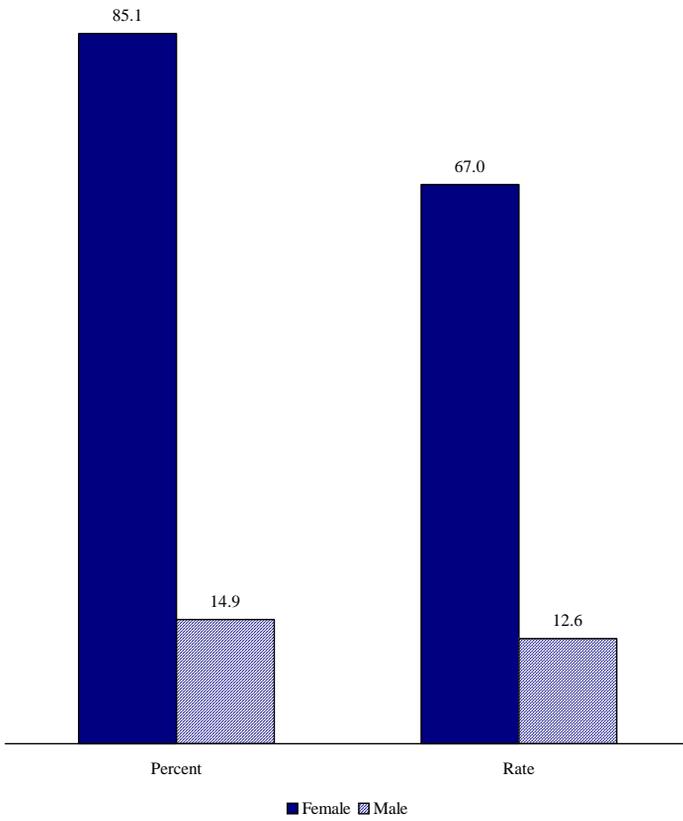
Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationship by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Female	66,731	85.1%	67.0
Male	11,695	14.9%	12.6

Note: 11 cases were of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by Sex



Non-whites accounted for 62.1% of victims of violence in romantic relationships. The victimization rate for non-whites was 3.6 times that for whites.

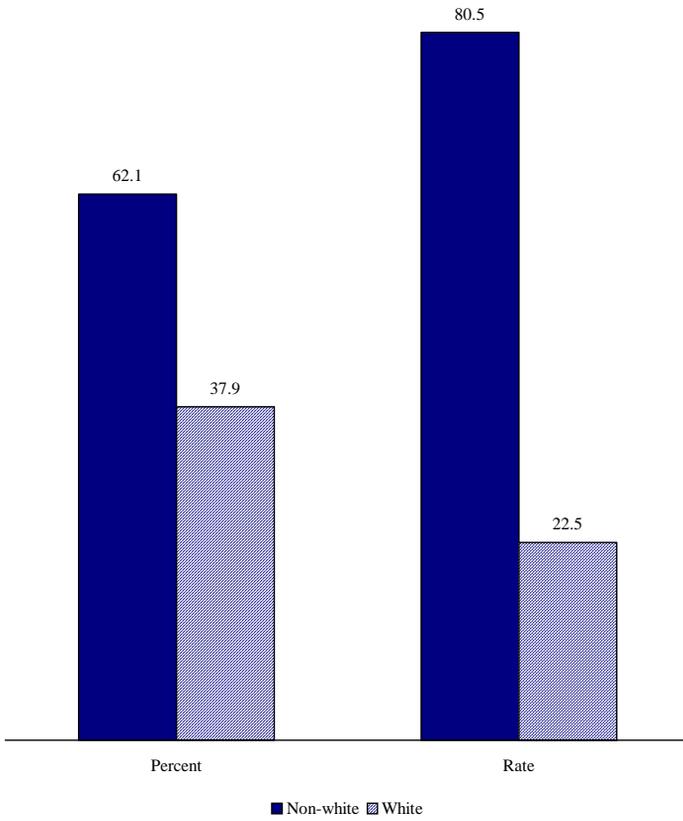
Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	48,693	62.1%	80.5
White	29,680	37.9%	22.5

Note: 64 cases were of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by Race



The highest victimization rate of violence in romantic relationships rate was experienced by non-white females, followed by white females, non-white males and white males.

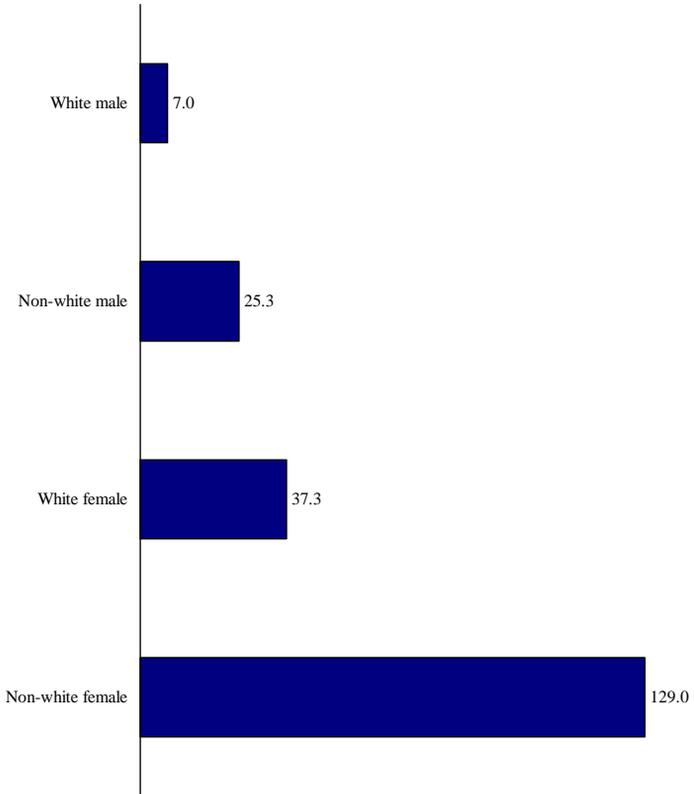
Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by Race/Sex

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	41,535	53.0%	129.0
Non-white male	7,158	9.1%	25.3
White female	25,154	32.1%	37.3
White male	4,526	5.8%	7.0

Note: 64 cases were of unknown sex/race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

**Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by
Race/Sex**



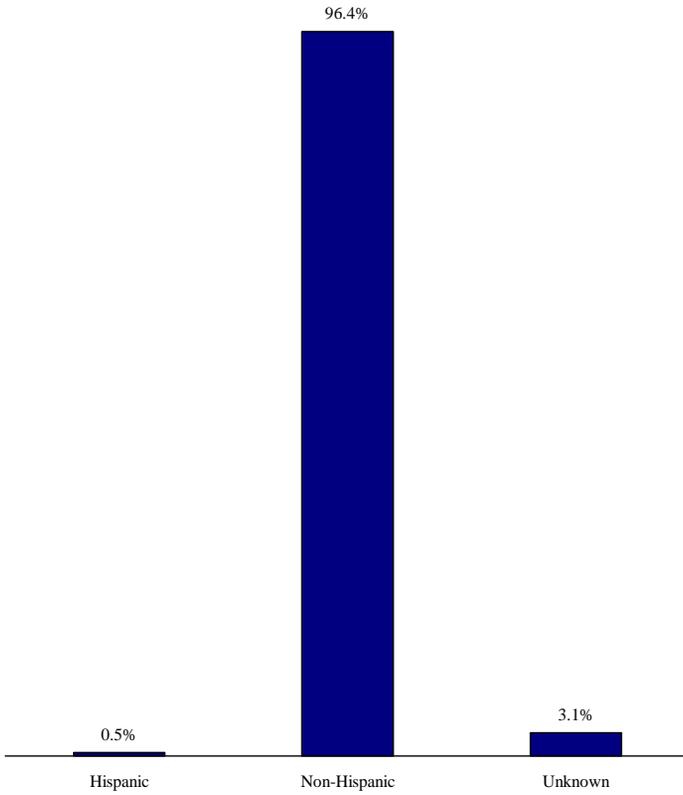
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of victims of violence in romantic relationships. Non-Hispanics accounted for 96.4% and 3.1% were of unknown ethnicity.

Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	358	0.5%
Non-Hispanic	75,607	96.4%
Unknown	2,472	3.1%
Total	78,437	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Victims of Violence in Romantic Relationships by Ethnicity



The mean age for violent offenders in romantic relationships was 29.9 and the median age was 28. The 22 through 24 age group had the highest rate for violent offenders in romantic relationships.

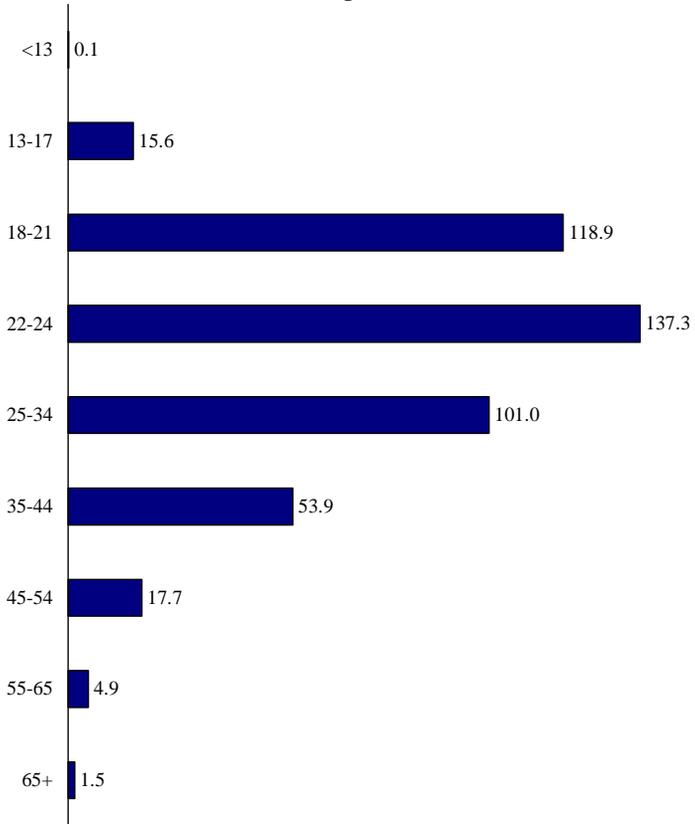
Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by Age

Age	Number	Percent	Rate
12 and younger	45	0.1%	0.1
13 through 17	2,155	2.8%	15.6
18 through 21	13,406	17.3%	118.9
22 through 24	11,119	14.3%	137.3
25 through 34	28,602	36.8%	101.0
35 through 44	16,631	21.4%	53.9
45 through 54	4,501	5.8%	17.7
55 through 64	825	1.1%	4.9
65 and older	352	0.4%	1.5

Note: 3,864 missing age data.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Violent Offender Rates in Romantic Relationships by Age



Males accounted for 81.5% of violent offenders in romantic relationships. The violent offender rate for males in romantic relationships was 4.7 times that for females.

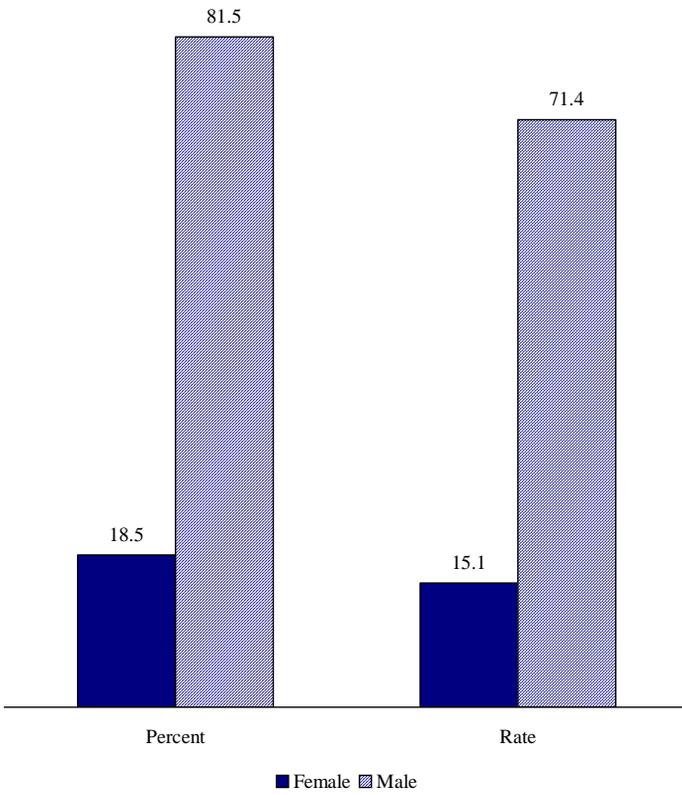
Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by Sex

Sex	Frequency	Percent	Rate
Female	15,045	18.5%	15.1
Male	66,443	81.5%	71.4

Note: 12 cases were of unknown sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by Sex



Non-whites accounted for 65.4% of violent offenders in romantic relationships. The violent offender rate in romantic relationships for non-whites was 4.1 times the than the rate for whites.

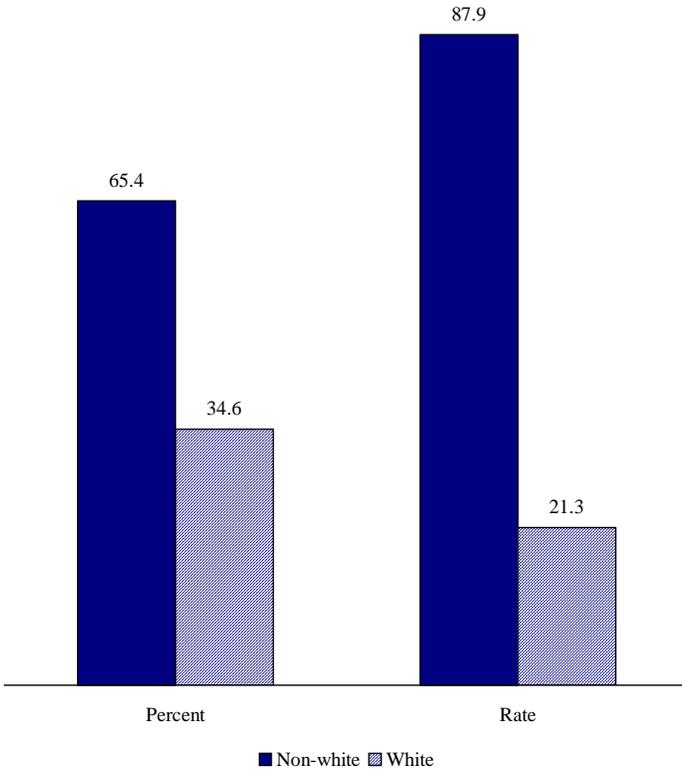
Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by Race

Race	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white	53,207	65.4%	87.9
White	28,191	34.6%	21.3

Note: 102 cases were of unknown race.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by Race



Non-white males had the highest violent offender rate in romantic relationships, followed by white males, non-white females and white females.

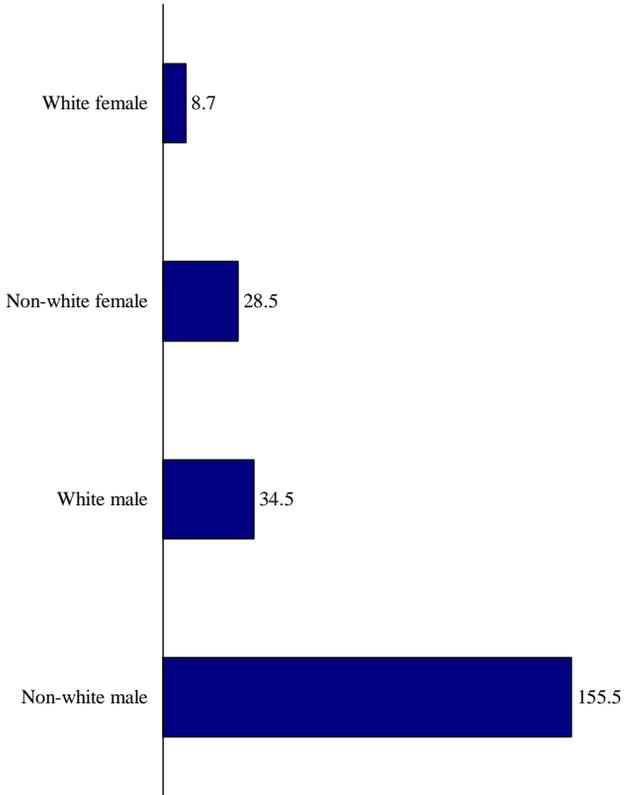
**Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by
Race/Sex**

Race/sex	Number	Percent	Rate
Non-white female	9,171	11.3%	28.5
Non-white male	44,035	54.1%	155.5
White female	5,858	7.2%	8.7
White male	22,333	27.4%	34.5

Note: 103 cases were of unknown race/sex.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; unpublished population estimates, B&CB ORS.

Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by Race/Sex



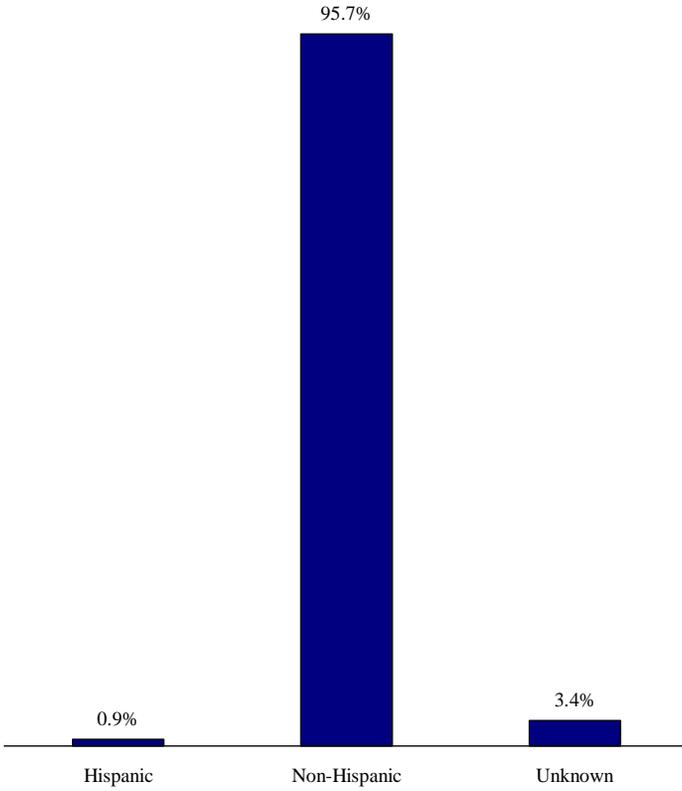
Hispanics accounted for less than 1% of violent offenders in romantic relationships. Non-Hispanics accounted for 95.7% and 3.4% were of unknown ethnicity.

Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	745	0.9%
Non-Hispanic	77,963	95.7%
Unknown	2,792	3.4%
Total	81,500	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Violent Offenders in Romantic Relationships by Ethnicity



IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

It would be difficult to summarize such extensive findings as are contained in this report in a concise, meaningful way. However, there are key findings that have important implications for future research that should be noted. The startlingly young age of domestic forcible sex offense victims compared to other offense category victims is one such finding. This report is inadequate in addressing several questions that leap to mind. What is the relationship between these very young victims and the offenders? Where and when does victimization take place? To what degree does substance abuse play a role in this sort of victimization? These questions could be addressed with further SCIBRS data, however other important questions remain that would require other data sources. What happens to the offenders that are convicted, in terms of sentence and treatment? If the offenses occur within a family relationship, what measures are taken to prevent future victimization?

The findings regarding ethnicity also have implications for future research. The lack of reported Hispanic domestic violence victims and offenders, combined with the degree to which ethnicity was reported as unknown raises concerns that underreporting might be a problem. This could occur for a variety of reasons, cultural differences, language barriers, or an inability on the part of law enforcement to accurately identify ethnicity. It is also possible that the data are relatively accurate in respect to ethnicity, but the degree to which ethnicity is reported as unknown is an area of concern.

Further study of the role of substance abuse in domestic violence could serve to clarify the extent to which it contributes to violent domestic behavior. While it is clear from SCIBRS data that drug and alcohol use plays a role in domestic violence, for both offenders and victims, more in-depth study from other data sources is needed to better understand what that role might be. Questions regarding the degree of dependence, specific substances and the relationship between offender and victim substance abuse would have important policy and programmatic implications.

Other findings present compelling arguments for further investigation. The disproportionate over-representation of racial minorities in the criminal justice system is an area of abiding concern. Research in this area, beyond the scope of SCIBRS data to identify additional factors associated with this over-representation is important. The degree to which females are disproportionately represented as victims of domestic violence is a crucial area of continuing concern. Research to identify risk and protective factors is essential for the development of proactive prevention policies. The high rate of violent behavior by within families and the high rate of domestic forcible sex offenses by teenagers highlights another area of concern, and one that certainly warrants further research.

Perhaps the most important implications for future research are those that cannot be addressed with the SCIBRS data. The degree to which the data in this report represent a repetition of behavior by a smaller group of chronic domestic violent offenders cannot be discerned from these data. Similarly, SCIBRS data are insufficient to determine if domestic violence tends to escalate from relatively minor offenses such as intimidation and simple assault to the more serious offenses such as aggravated assault and murder, or if the more serious offenses simply occur unpredictably.

Most importantly, systematic inquiries into the problem of domestic violence should continue. Hopefully, the use of SCIBRS data for the analysis of domestic violence will continue and expand, and data from other sources will be used to increase our understanding of domestic violence. An accurate, reliable and comprehensive body of knowledge concerning domestic violence is vital if policy makers are to have a factual basis from which to combat this deadly problem.